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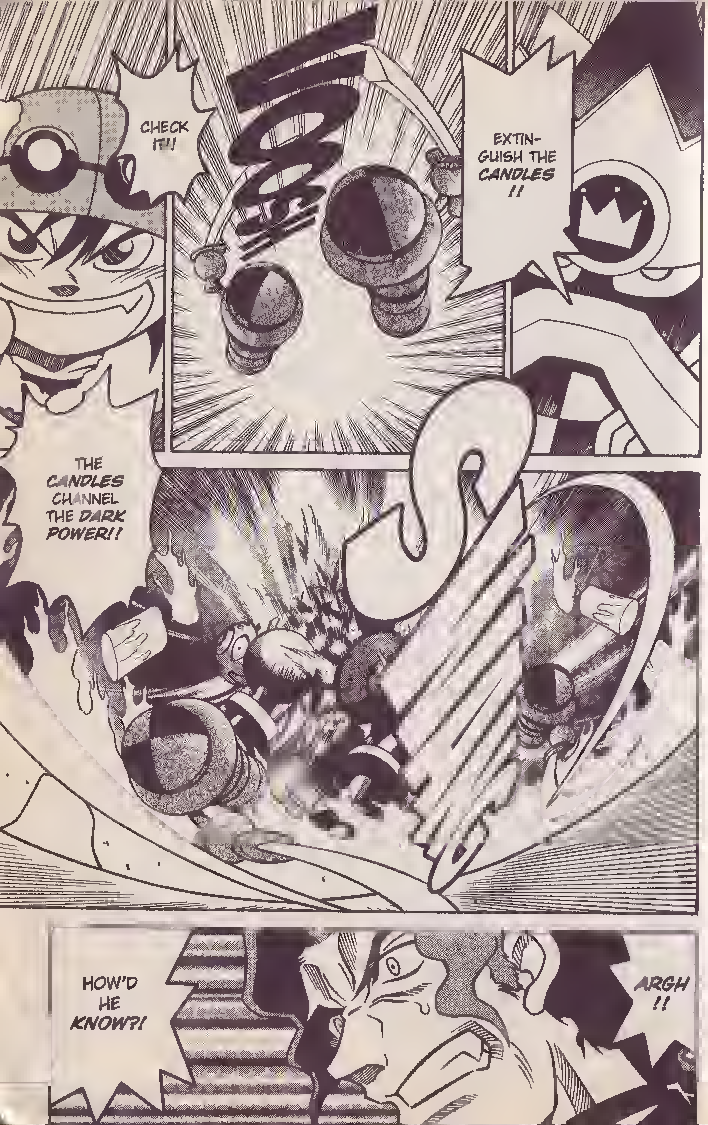
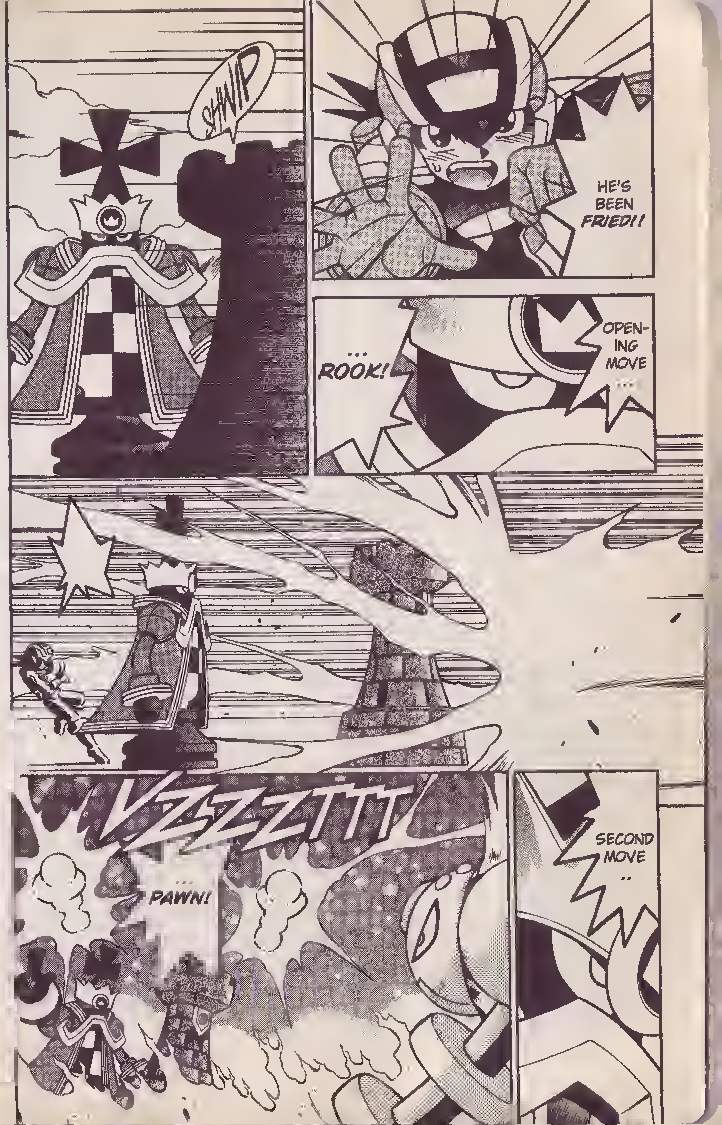
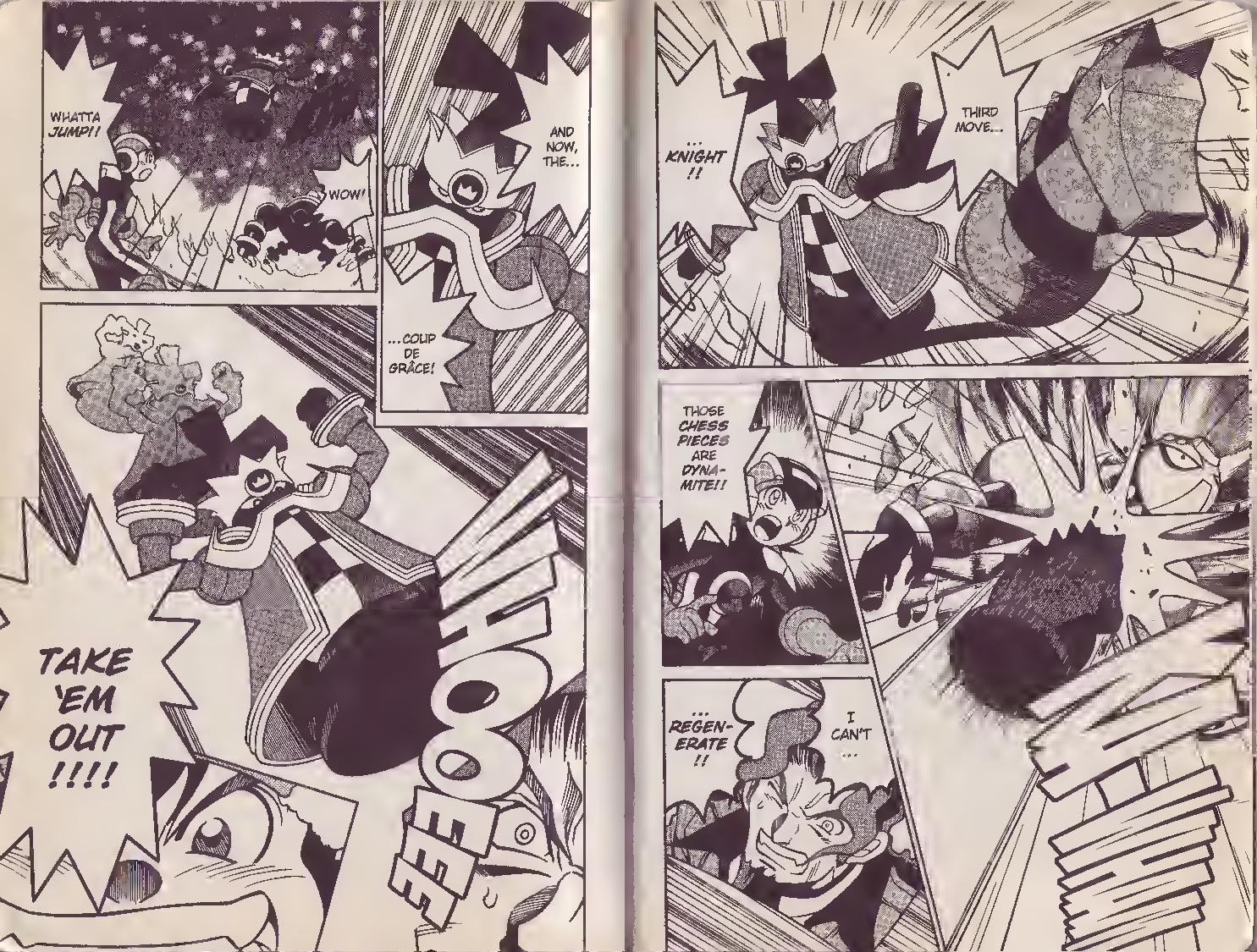
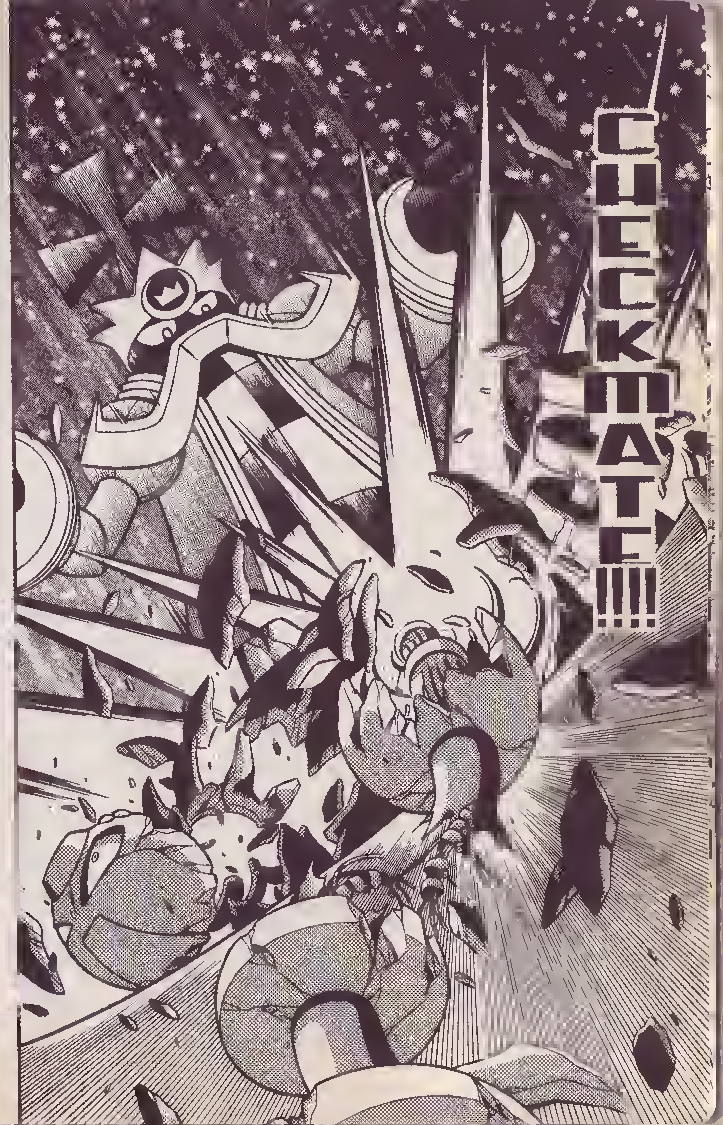

CHECK IT!!
EXTIN-GUISH THE CANDLES !!
THE CANDLES CHANNEL THE DARK POWER!!
HOW'D HE KNOW?!
ARGH !!


SHWP
HE'S BEEN FRIED!!
... ROOK!
OPEN-ING MOVE ...
VZZZTTT
... PAWN!
SECOND MOVE ..


WHATTA JUMP!!
WOW!
AND NOW, THE...
...COUP DE GRÂCE!
TAKE 'EM OUT !!!!
HOOEE
... KNIGHT !!
THIRD MOVE...
THOSE CHESS PIECES ARE DYNA-MITE!!
... REGEN-ERATE !!
I CAN'T ...

RRRUMMMMMBLE
...STRATEGIC NET-BATTLING ...IS SOME-THING ELSE!!
THAT STYLE ...
...ABOUT USING YOUR NOGGIN AS MUCH AS YOUR STYLE!
IT'S...
AW... IT AIN'T SO MUCH!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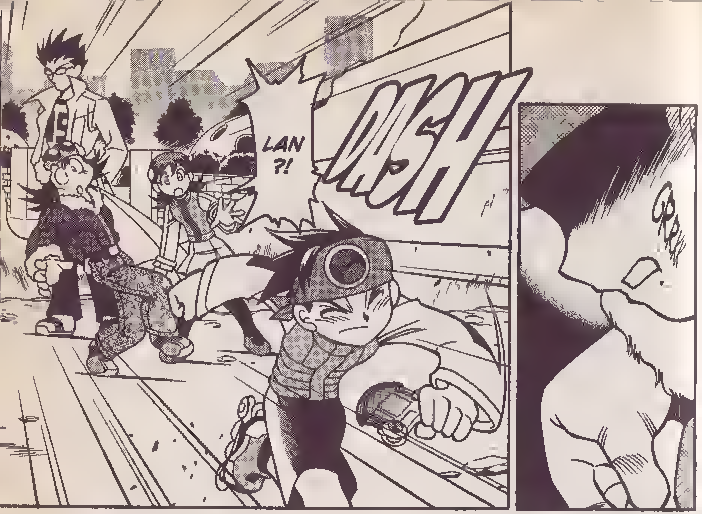
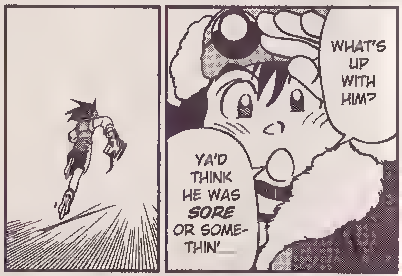
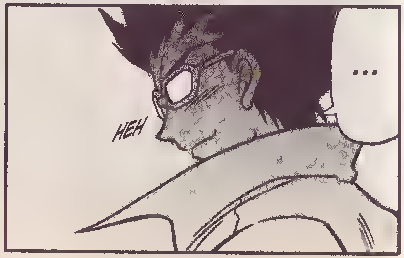
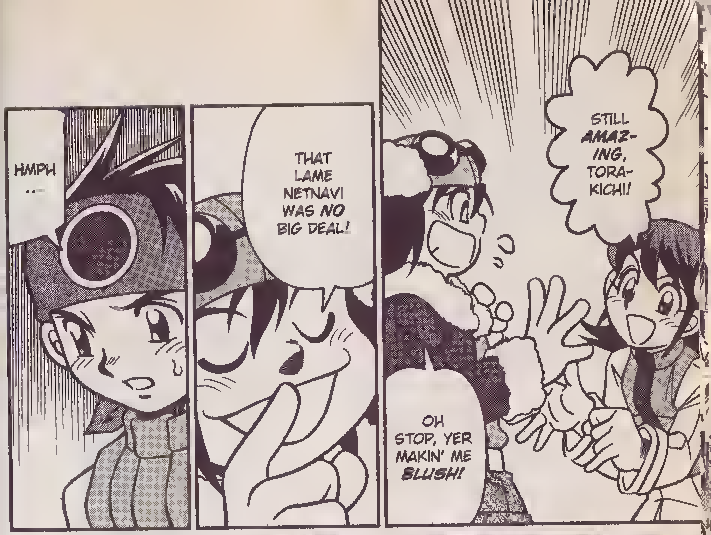
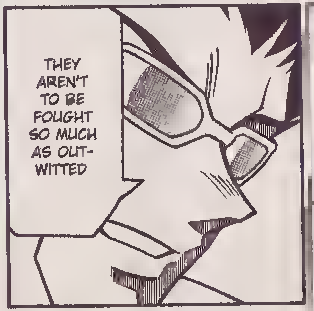

DASH
LAN?!

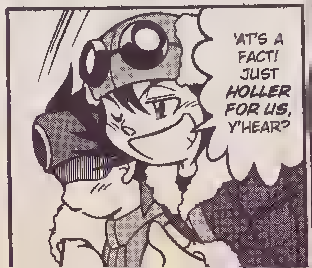
LAN! YOU'RE HOME!
THANK GOOD-NESS YOU'RE SAFE!!

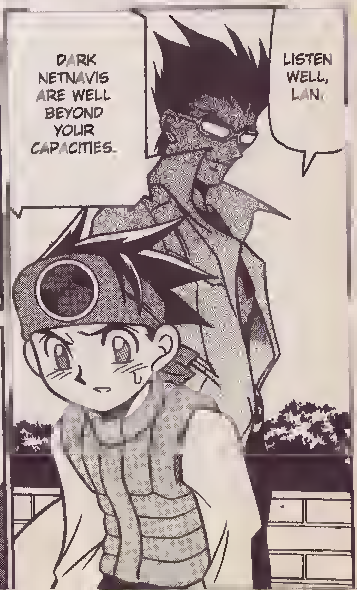

WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
YA'D THINK HE WAS SORE OR SOME-THIN'...

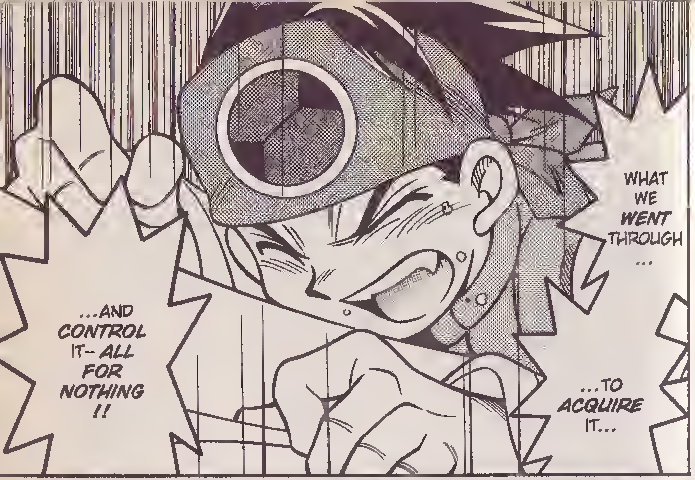

...
HEH

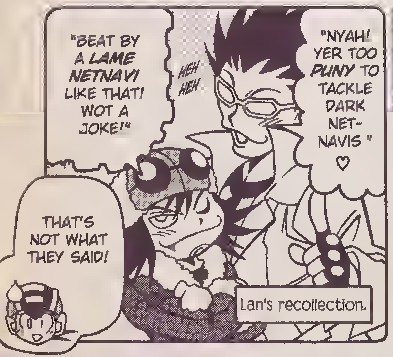

HMPH ...
THAT LAME NETNAVI WAS NO BIG DEAL!
STILL AMAZ-ING, TORA-KICHI!
OH STOP, YER MAKIN' ME BLUSH!


THEY AREN'T TO BE FOUGHT SO MUCH AS OUT-WITTED

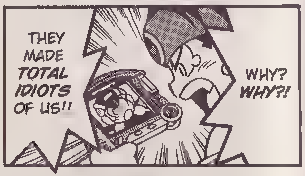

'AT'S A FACT! JUST HOLLER FOR US, Y'HEAR?

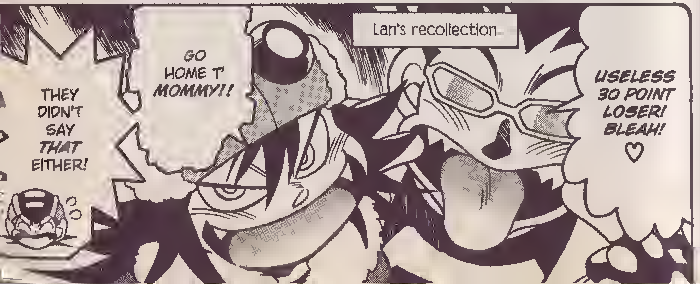

DARK NETNAVIS ARE WELL BEYOND YOUR CAPACITIES.
LISTEN WELL, LAN.

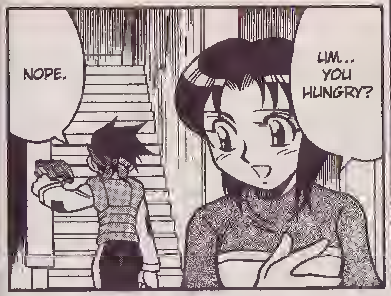

WHAT WE WENT THROUGH ...
...TO ACQUIRE IT...
...AND CONTROL IT-- ALL FOR NOTHING !!

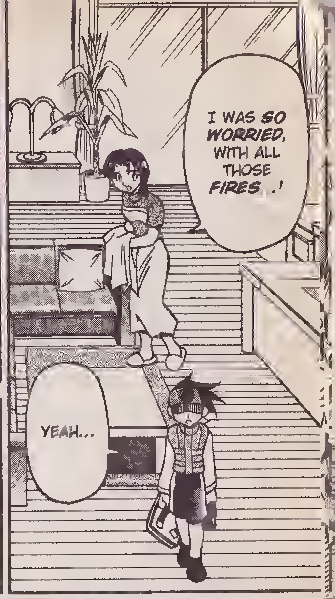

"BEAT BY A LAME NETNAVI LIKE THAT! WOT A JOKE!"
HEH! HEH!
"NYAH! YER TOO PUNY TO TACKLE DARK NET-NAVIS "
THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY SAID!
Lan's recollection.

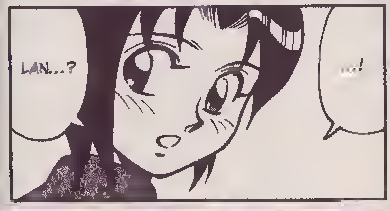
TAKE IT EASY, LAN. .

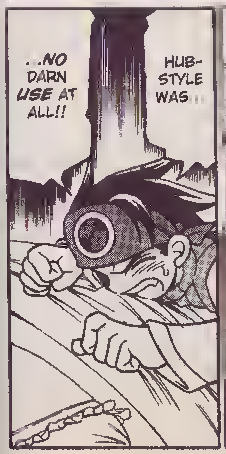

THEY MADE TOTAL IDIOTS OF US!!
WHY? WHY?!

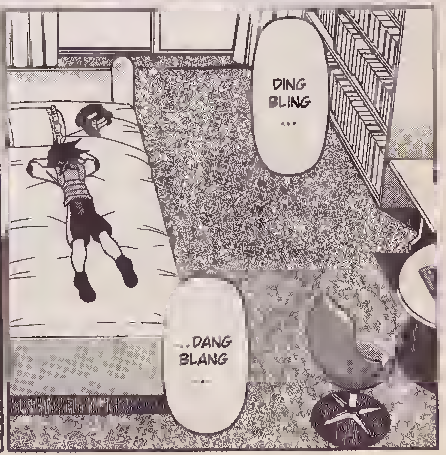

Lan's recollection
GO HOME T' MOMMY!!
USELESS 30 POINT LOSER! BLEAH!
THEY DIDN'T SAY THAT EITHER!

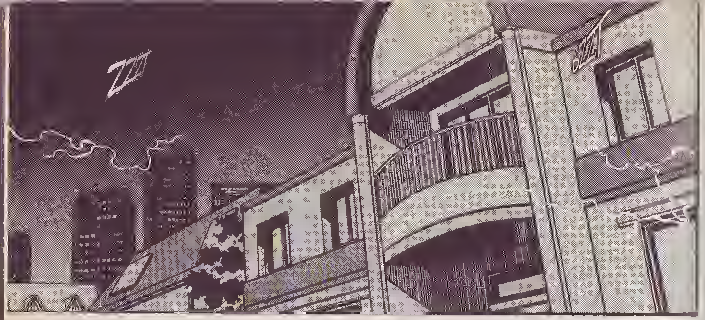

NOPE.
UM... YOU HUNGRY?


I WAS SO WORRIED, WITH ALL THOSE FIRES .!
YEAH...


LAN...?
...!

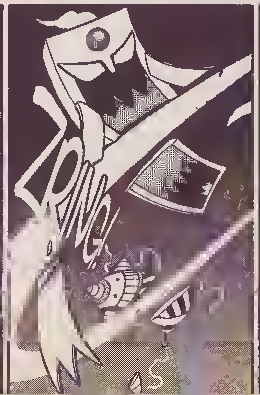

...NO DARN USE AT ALL!!
HUB-STYLE WAS!!


DING DLING ...
..DANG DLANG ..

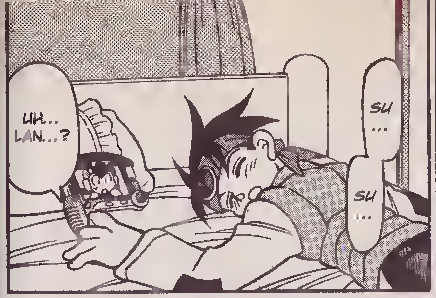

ZZZ

RRROOMBLE

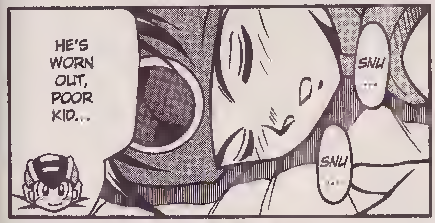
ZZANG
ZOOM!

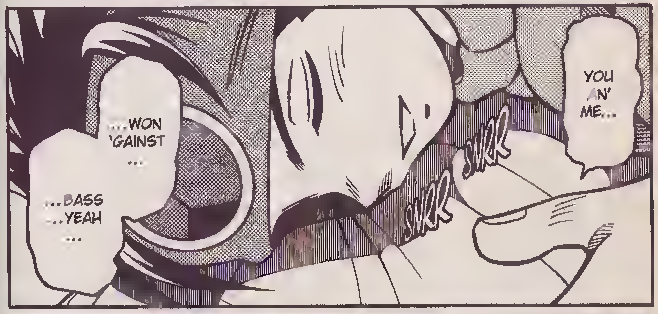

ZOOM!

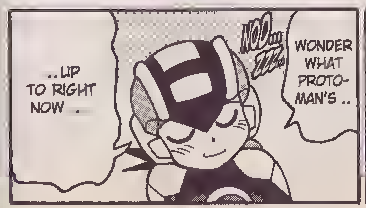
WHAM!

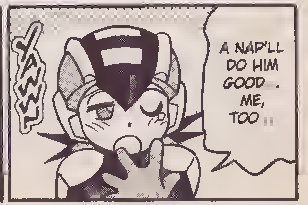

UH... LAN...?
SU...
SU...

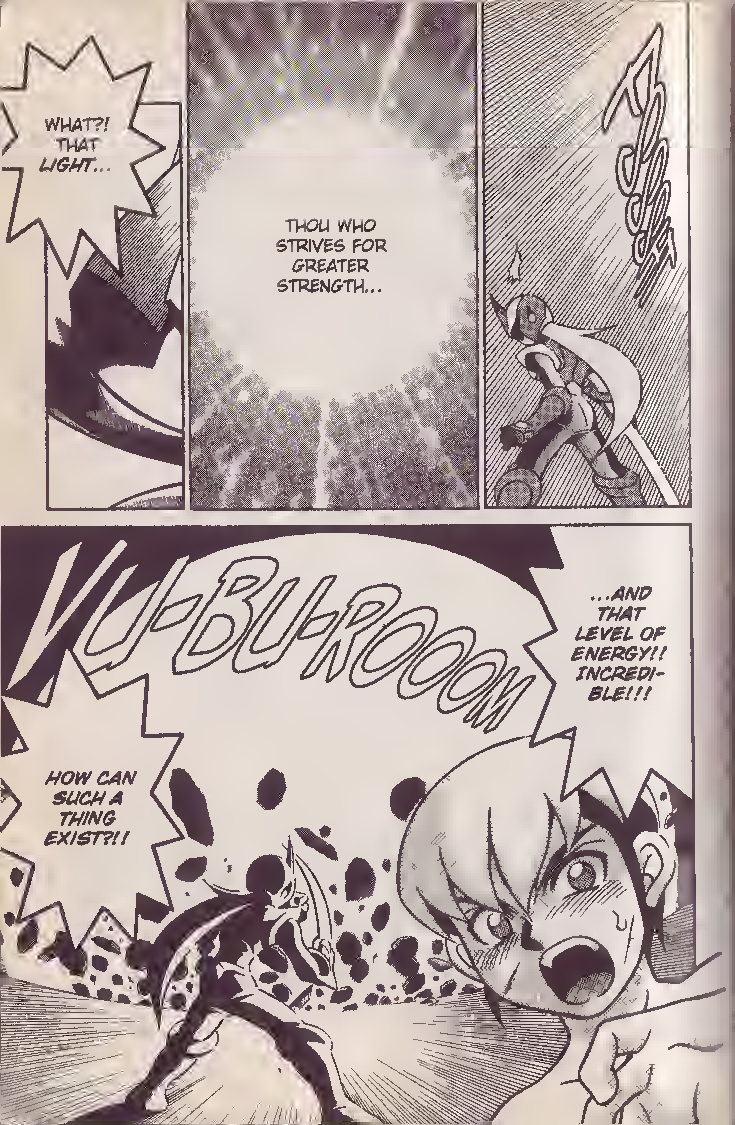
PET
LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS.
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY TO..


HE'S WORN OUT, POOR KID...
SNU...
SNU...

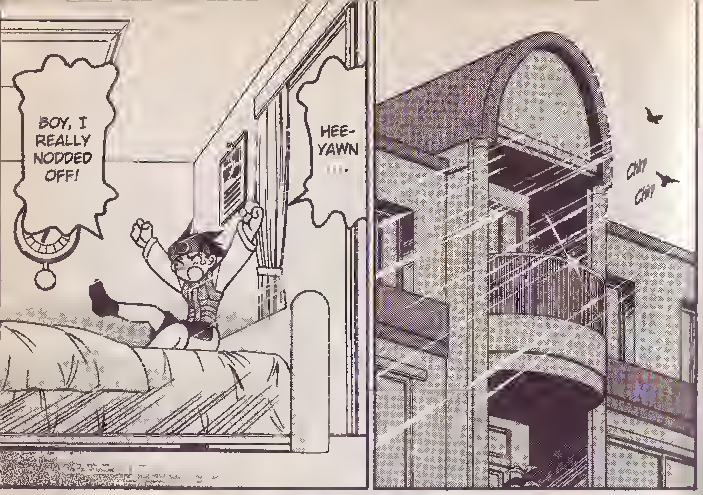

...WON 'GAINST ...
...BASS ...YEAH ...
YOU 'N' ME...
SKRR
SKRR

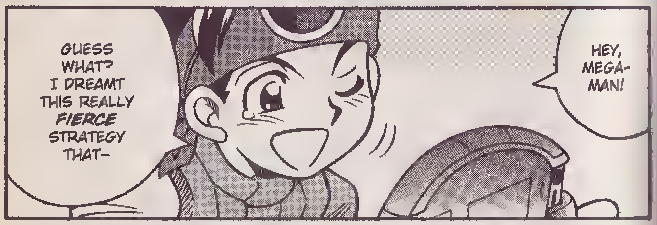

..UP TO RIGHT NOW..
WONDER WHAT PROTO-MAN'S..

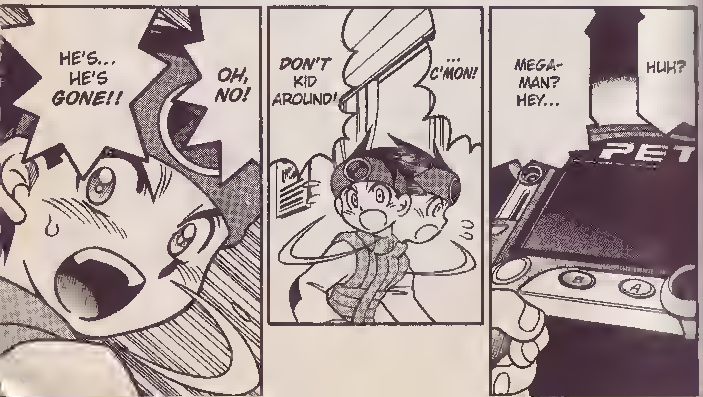

ZZZ
A NAP'LL DO HIM GOOD. ME, TOO..

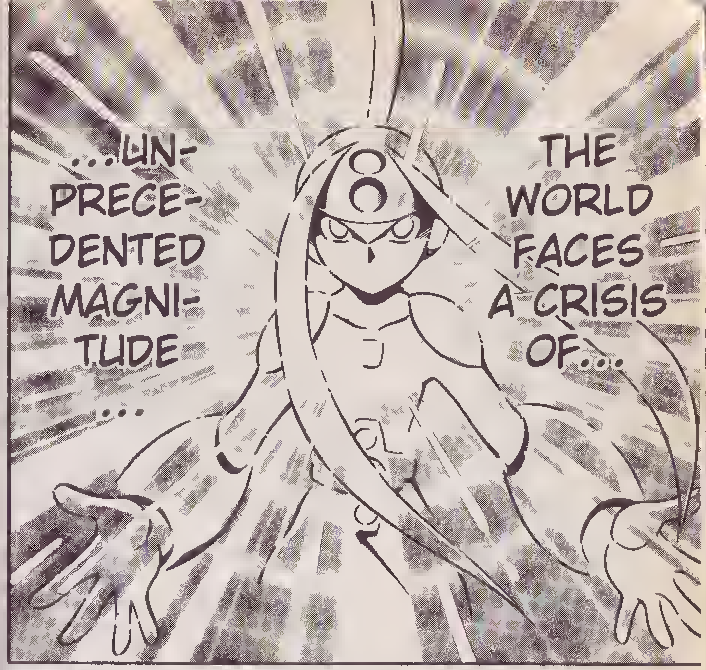

WHAT?! THAT LIGHT...
THOU WHO STRIVES FOR GREATER STRENGTH...
KU-BU-ROOM
...AND THAT LEVEL OF ENERGY!! INCREDI-BLE!!!
HOW CAN SUCH A THING EXIST?!!

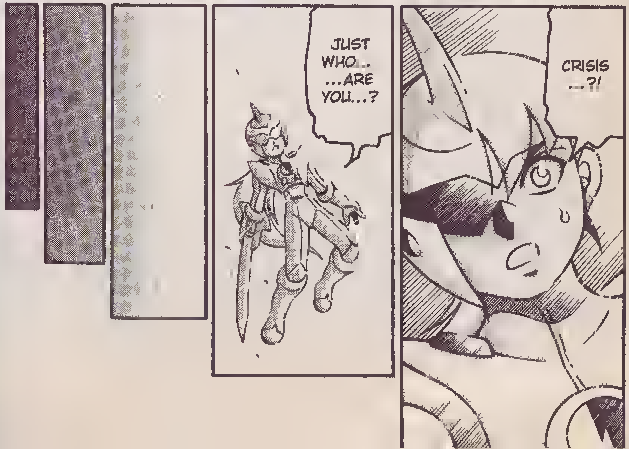
.. THIS FAR INTO THE UNDER-NET!
AS EXPECTED, THE VIRUSES ARE A LOT STRONGER
AND THAT'S ...
...JUST HOW I LIKE IT!!

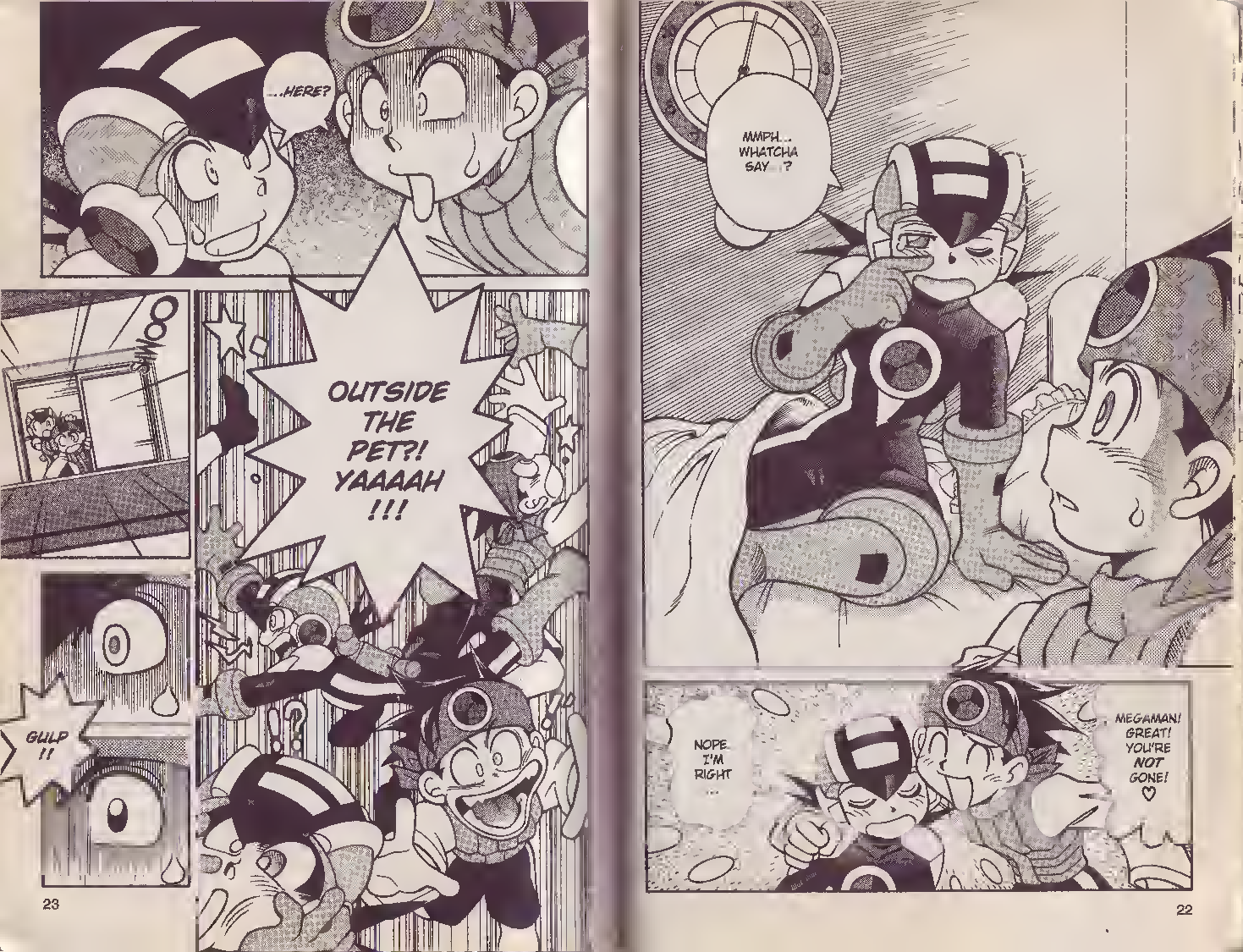

BOY, I REALLY NODDED OFF!
HEE-YAWN...
CHIRP CHIRP

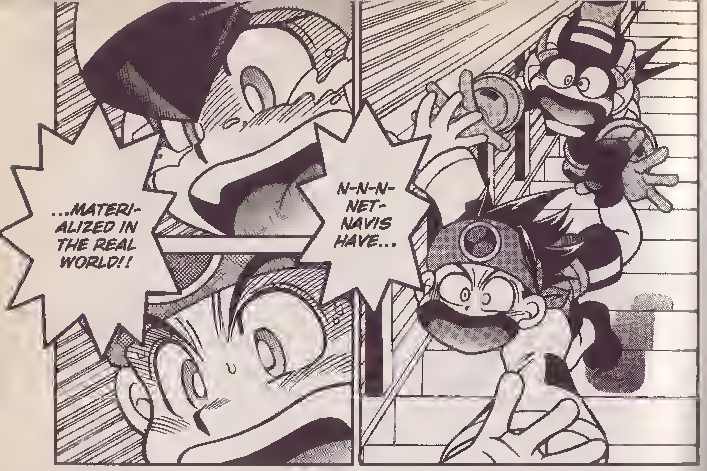

GUESS WHAT? I DREAMT THIS REALLY FIERCE STRATEGY THAT–
HEY, MEGA-MAN!

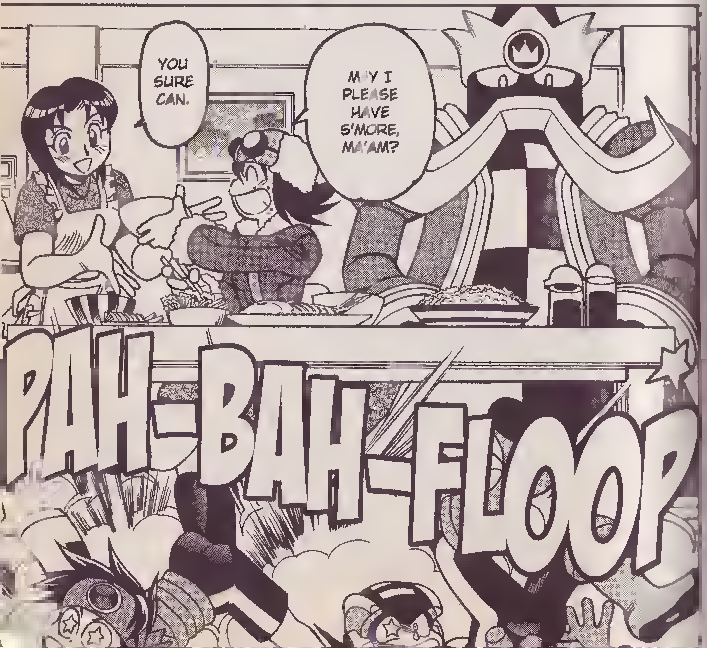

HE'S... HE'S GONE!!
OH, NO!
DON'T KID AROUND!
...C'MON!
MEGA-MAN? HEY...
HUH?
PET

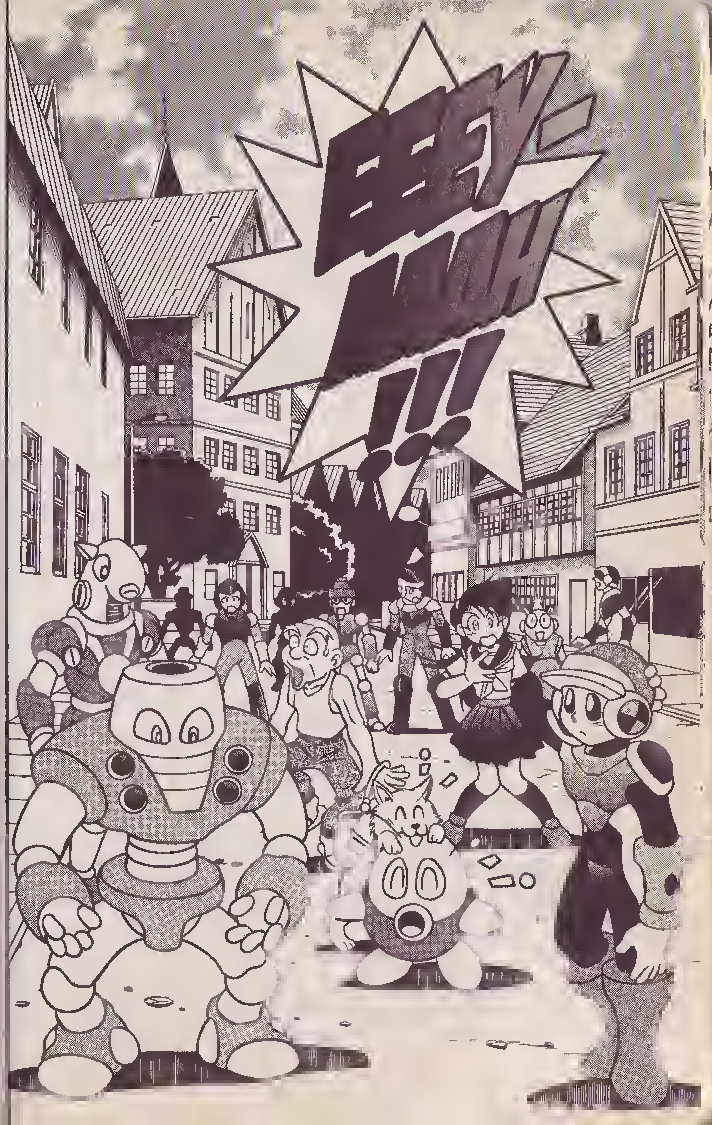

...UN-PRECE-DENTED MAGNI-TUDE...
THE WORLD FACES A CRISIS OF...

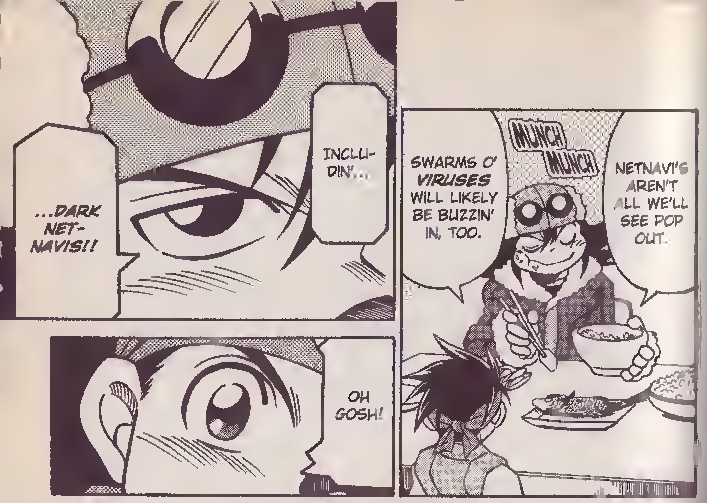

JUST WHO... ...ARE YOU...?
CRISIS ...?!

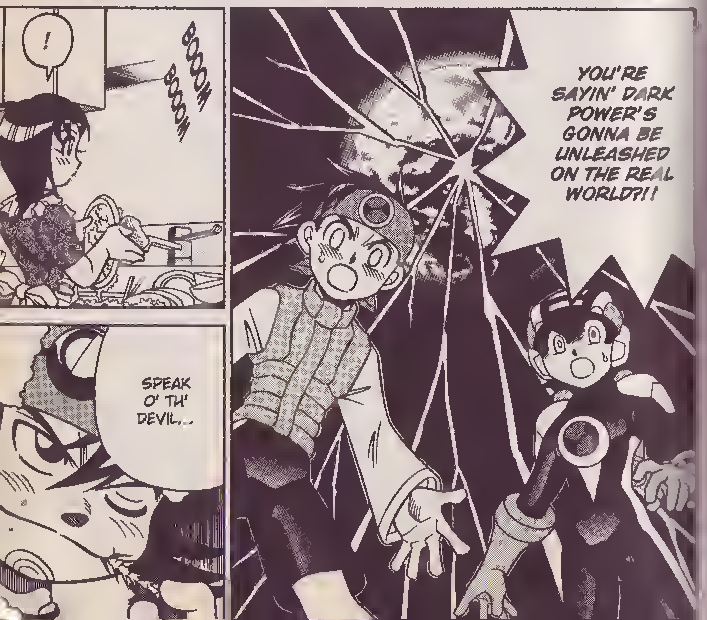

MMPH... WHATCHA SAY ?
NOPE. I'M RIGHT ...
MEGAMAN! GREAT! YOU'RE NOT GONE! ♡
...HERE?
OUTSIDE THE PET?! YAAAAH !!!
GULP !!

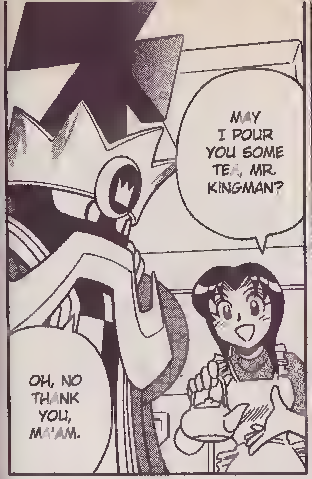

...MATERI-ALIZED IN THE REAL WORLD!!
N-N-N-NET-NAVIS HAVE...

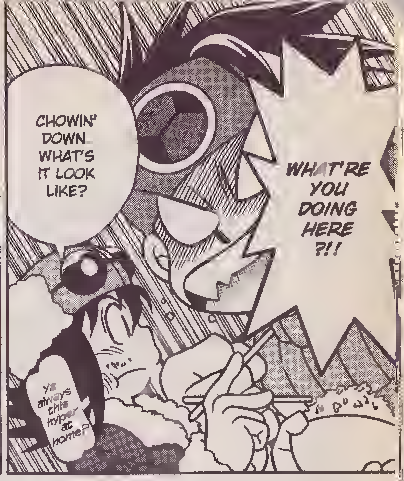

YOU SURE CAN.
MAY I PLEASE HAVE S'MORE, MA'AM?
PAH-BAH-FLOOP

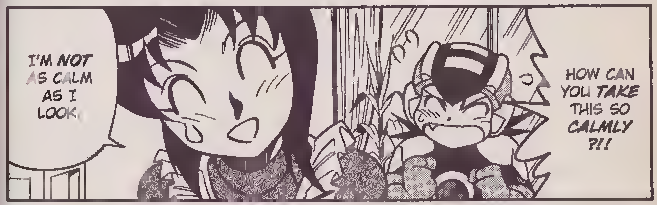

BEEY-WUH!!!

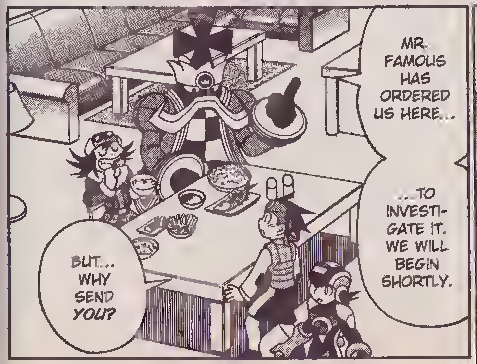

...DARK NET-NAVIS!!
INCLU-DIN'...
OH GOSH!
SWARMS O' VIRUSES WILL LIKELY BE BUZZIN' IN, TOO.
MUNCH MUNCH
NETNAVI'S AREN'T ALL WE'LL SEE POP OUT.


!
SPEAK O' TH' DEVIL...
YOU'RE SAYIN' DARK POWER'S GONNA BE UNLEASHED ON THE REAL WORLD?!!


MAY I POUR YOU SOME TEA, MR. KINGMAN?
OH, NO THANK YOU, MA'AM.

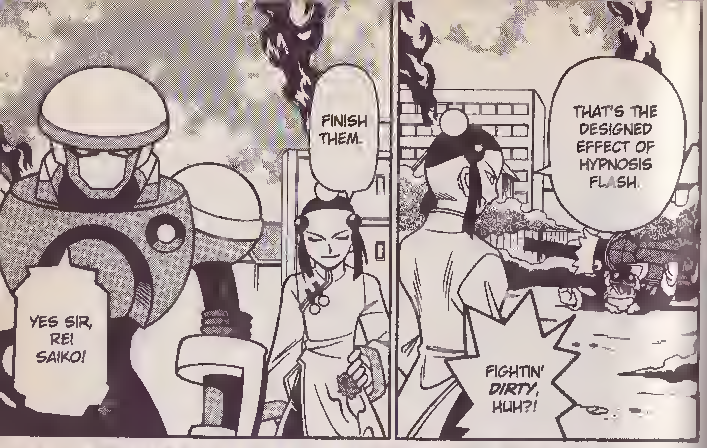

CHOWIN' DOWN. WHAT'S IT LOOK LIKE?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE ?!!

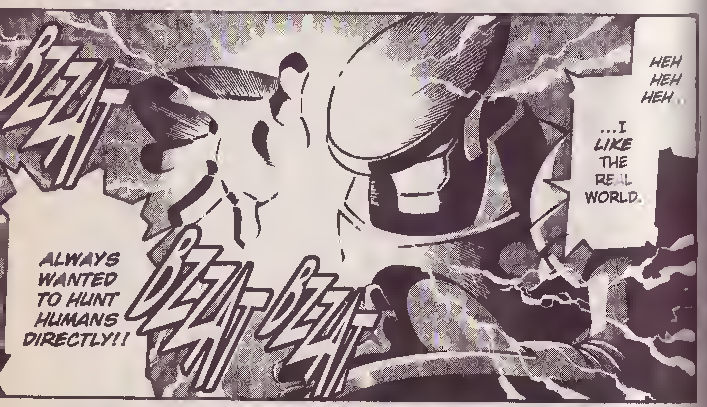

I'M NOT AS CALM AS I LOOK.
HOW CAN YOU TAKE THIS SO CALMLY ?!!

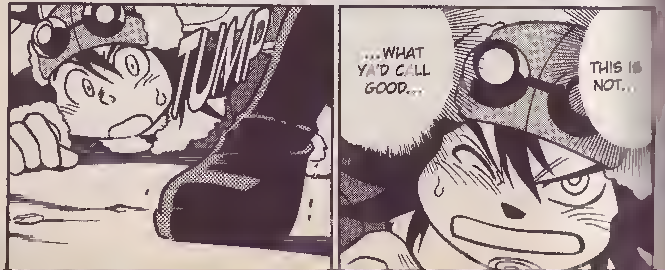

BUT... WHY SEND YOU?
MR. FAMOUS HAS ORDERED US HERE...
...TO INVESTI-GATE IT. WE WILL BEGIN SHORTLY.

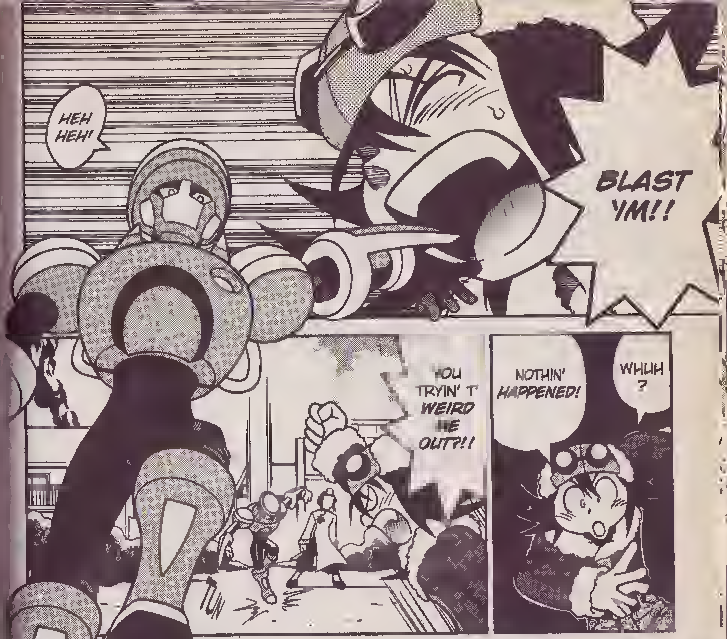
AS YOU'VE NOTICED, A STRANGE PHENOMENON HAS STRUCK DENTECH CITY

HERE.
WHERE'S YER NETNAVI?
LET'S DO IT!
EH?!
HYPNOSIS FLASH!!!
TAKE THEM, FLASH-MAN!!
KA-BOOM
BLAM
BRING HUMANITY TO ITS [illegible]!
DELETE ALL WHO OPPOSE US!
FROM THIS DAY FORWARD, THE WORLD SHALL BOW TO THE FORCES OF DARK-NESS!!!
..ARE HERE T' TAKE YOU DOWN!
KING-MAN AN' ME..
MEBBE NOT, KNOT-HEAD!
JUMP

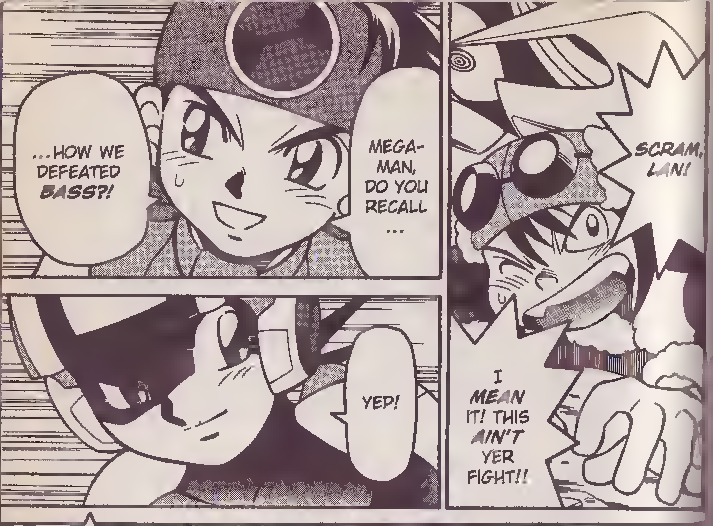

FINISH THEM.
YES SIR, RE! SAIKO!
THAT'S THE DESIGNED EFFECT OF HYPNOSIS FLASH.
FIGHTIN' DIRTY, HUH?!

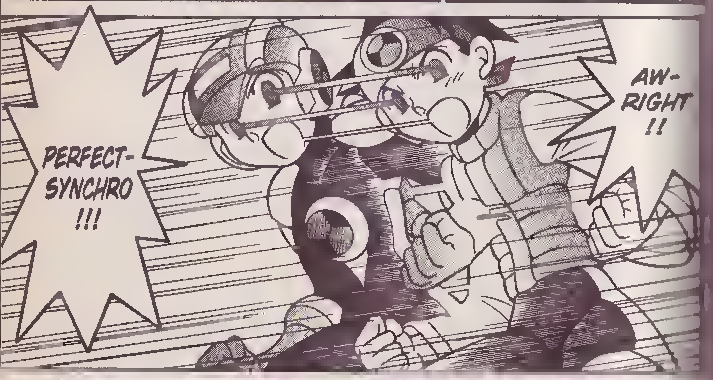

BZZT
BZZT BZZT
ALWAYS WANTED TO HUNT HUMANS DIRECTLY!!
HEH HEH HEH...
...I LIKE THE REAL WORLD.

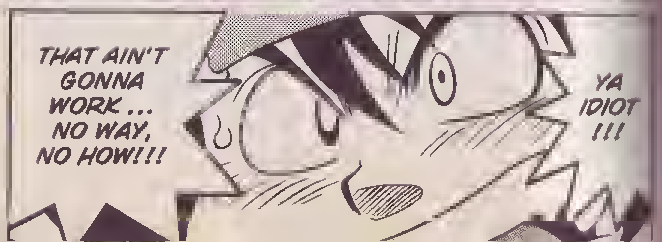

TUMP
....WHAT YA'D CALL GOOD...
THIS IS NOT..


HEH HEH!
BLAST 'EM!!
'OU TRYIN' T' WEIRD HE OUT?!!
NOTHIN' HAPPENED!
WHUH ?

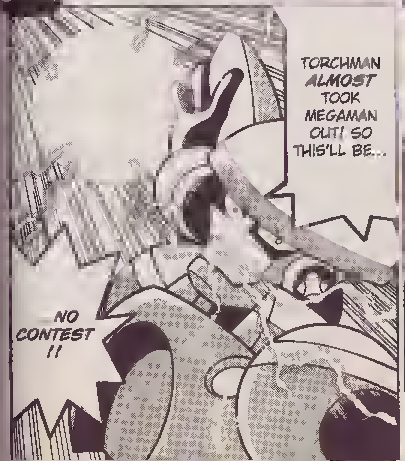
GLURK !!
...A VERY HEAVY, VERY...
...UNSTA-BLE STATUE.
THWUMP
I AM A STATUE ...
HUH?


...HOW WE DEFEATED BASS?!
MEGA-MAN, DO YOU RECALL ...
SCRAM, LAN!
YEP!
I MEAN IT! THIS AIN'T YER FIGHT!!

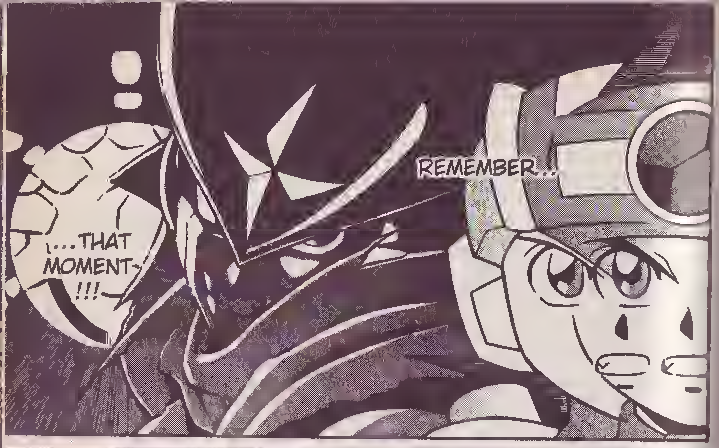

PERFECT-SYNCHRO !!!
AW-RIGHT !!


THAT AIN'T GONNA WORK... NO WAY, NO HOW!!!
YA IDIOT !!!

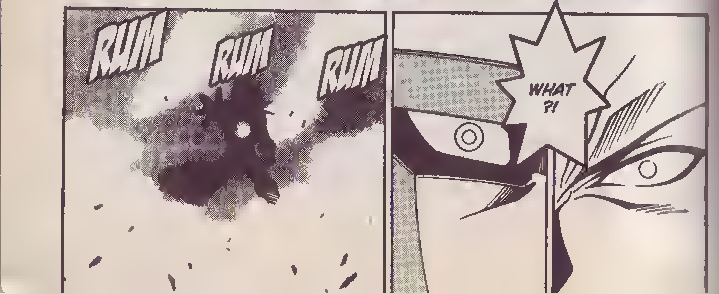
YOU SAVED US, NOW WE'LL RETURN THE FAVOR!!
TORA-KICHI!
SHUU


TORCHMAN ALMOST TOOK MEGAMAN OUT! SO THIS'LL BE...
NO CONTEST !!

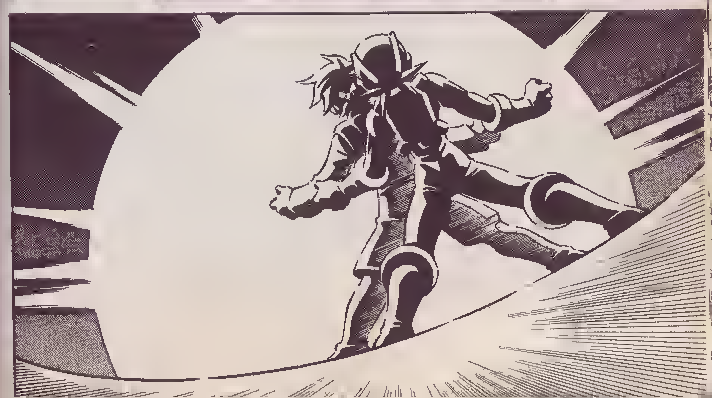
...LAN HIKARI ND MEGA-MAN.
HEH...

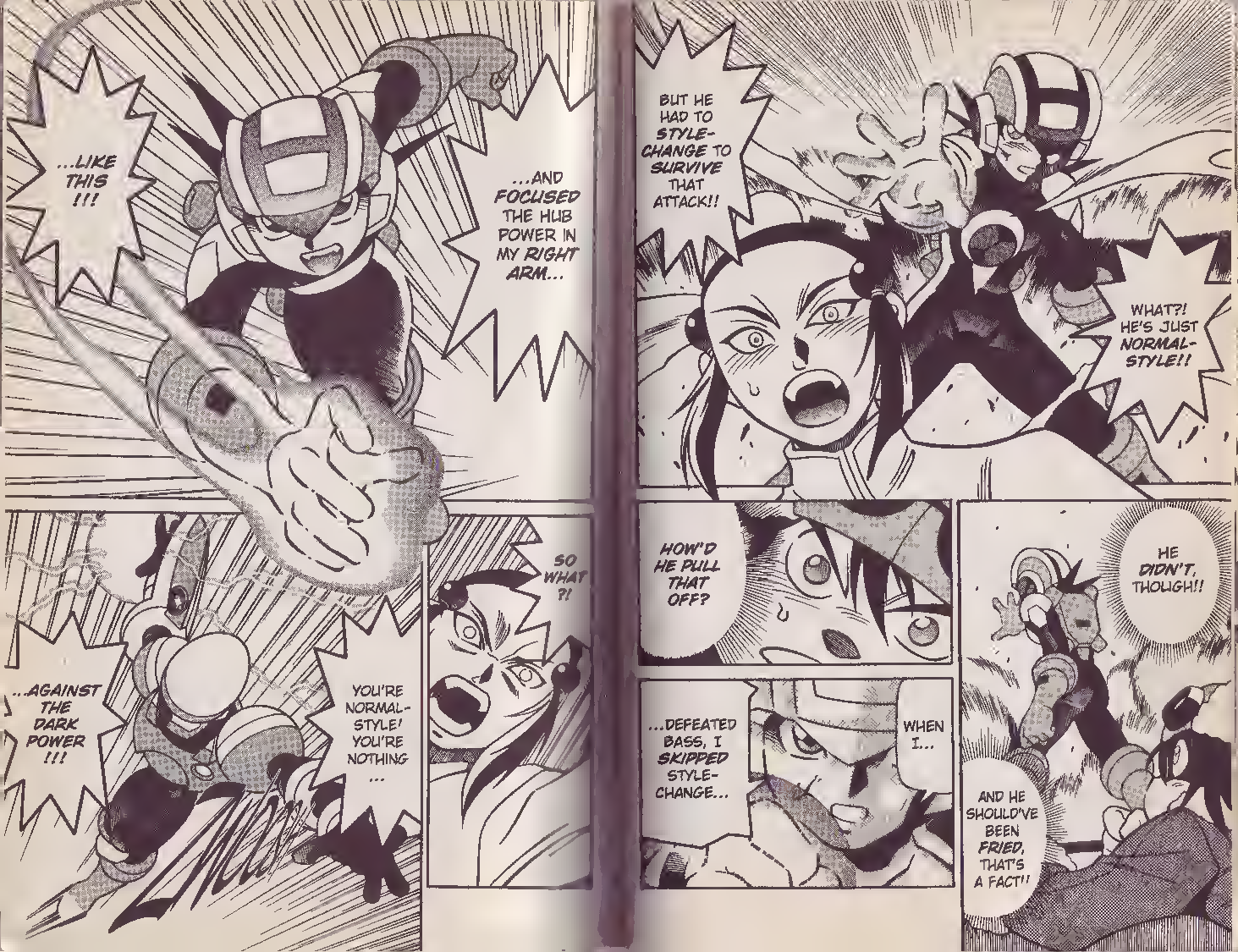

REMEMBER...
...THAT MOMENT...!!!

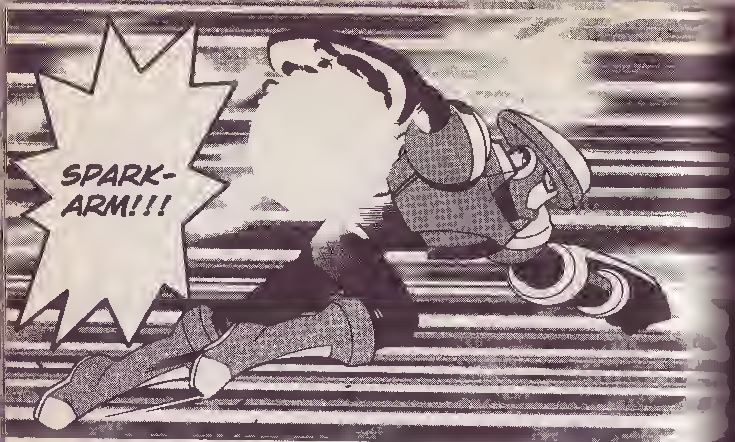
BA-
WHOOM

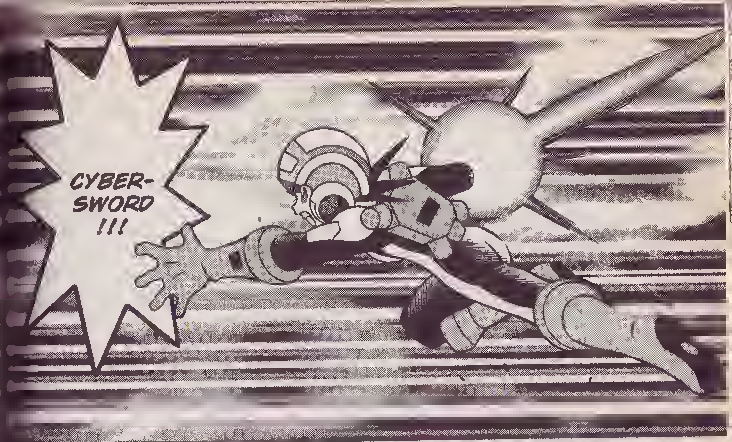

RUM
RUM
RUM
WHAT ?!

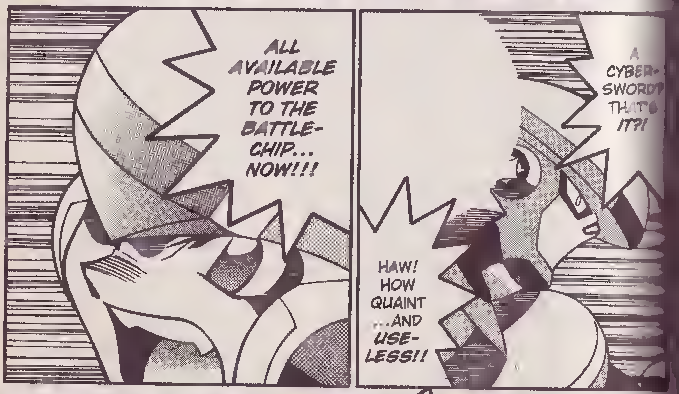
EXACTLY RIGHT! YOU'VE LOST!!
NOW DIE !!!

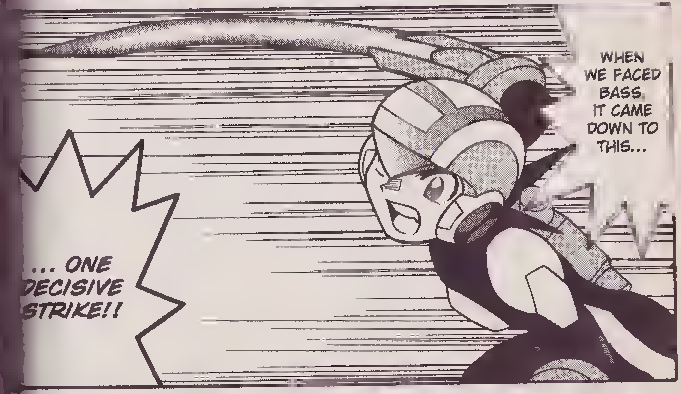



...LIKE THIS !!!
...AND FOCUSED THE HUB POWER IN MY RIGHT ARM...
...AGAINST THE DARK POWER !!!
YOU'RE NORMAL-STYLE! YOU'RE NOTHING ...
SO WHAT ?!
BUT HE HAD TO STYLE-CHANGE TO SURVIVE THAT ATTACK!!
WHAT?! HE'S JUST NORMAL-STYLE!!
HOW'D HE PULL THAT OFF?
...DEFEATED BASS, I SKIPPED STYLE-CHANGE...
WHEN I...
HE DIDN'T, THOUGH!!
AND HE SHOULD'VE BEEN FRIED, THAT'S A FACT!!

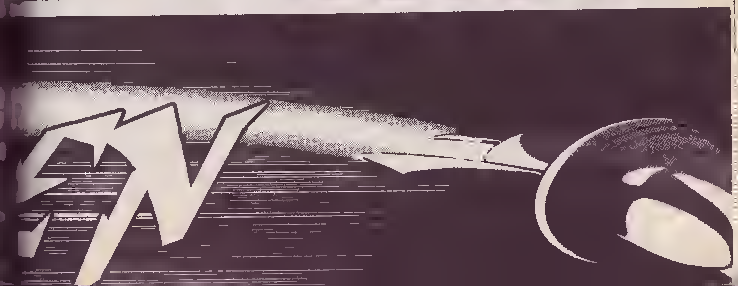

SPARK-
ARM!!!


CYBER-
SWORD
!!!

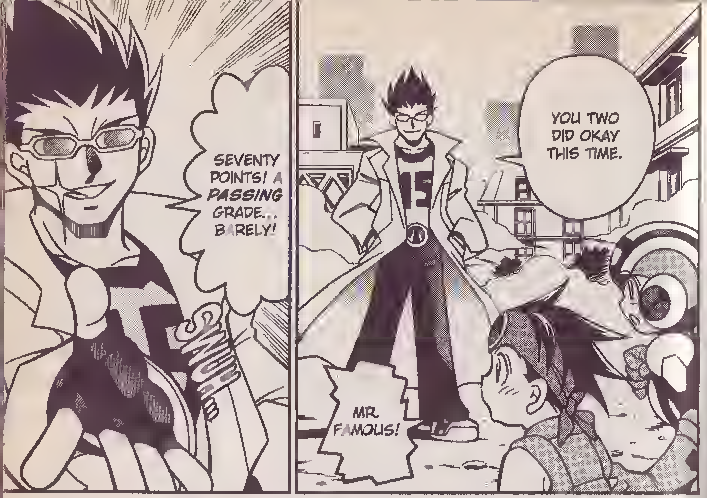

ALL
AVAILABLE
POWER
TO THE
BATTLE-
CHIP...
NOW!!!
A
CYBER-
SWORD?
THAT'S
IT?!
HAW!
HOW
QUAINT
...AND
USE-
LESS!!

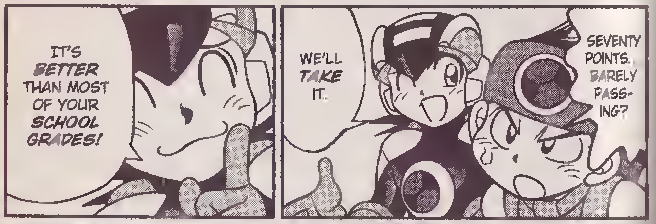

WHEN
WE FACED
BASS,
IT CAME
DOWN TO
THIS...
... ONE
DECISIVE
STRIKE!!

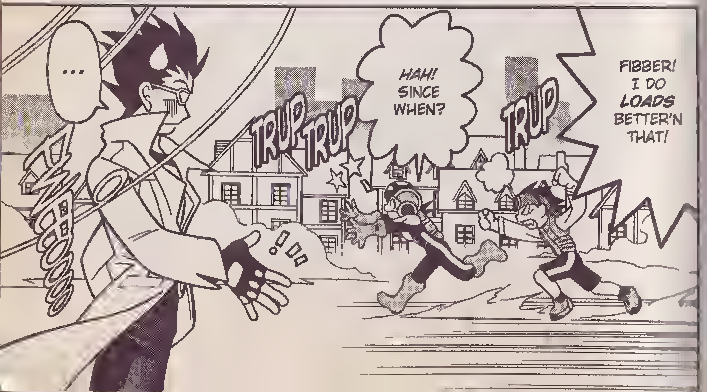
VEEEN

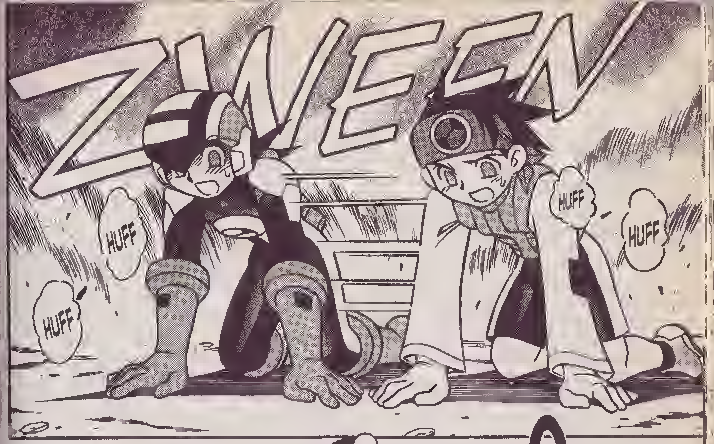


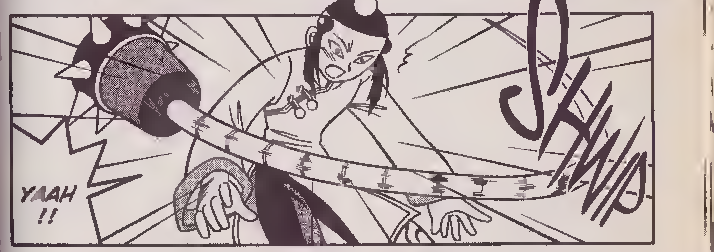
KA-BOOM

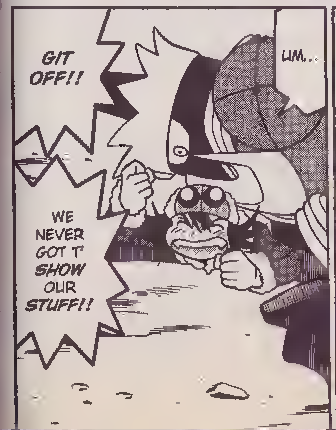

SEVENTY POINTS! A PASSING GRADE... BARELY!
YOU TWO DID OKAY THIS TIME.
MR. FAMOUS!

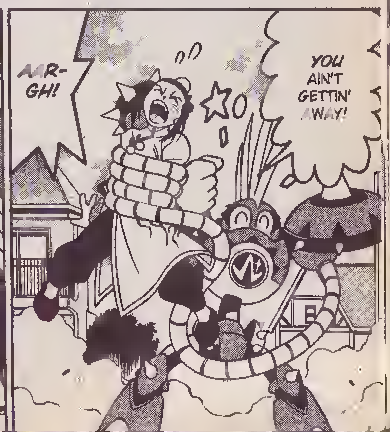

IT'S BETTER THAN MOST OF YOUR SCHOOL GRADES!
WE'LL TAKE IT.
SEVENTY POINTS. BARELY PASSING?


...
HAH! SINCE WHEN?
TRUP TRUP
TRUP
FIBBER! I DO LOADS BETTER'N THAT!

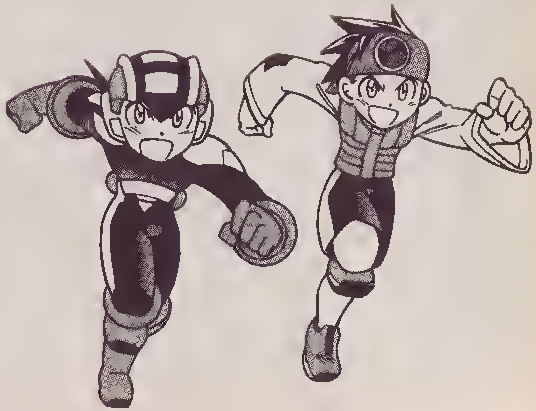

ZWEEN
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

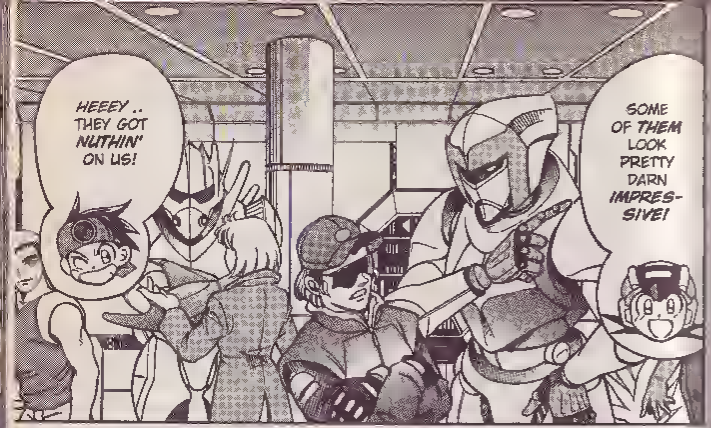

YAAH !!
SHWIP

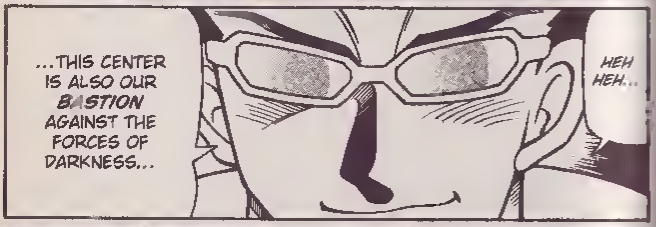

GIT OFF!!
UM..
WE NEVER GOT T' SHOW OUR STUFF!!

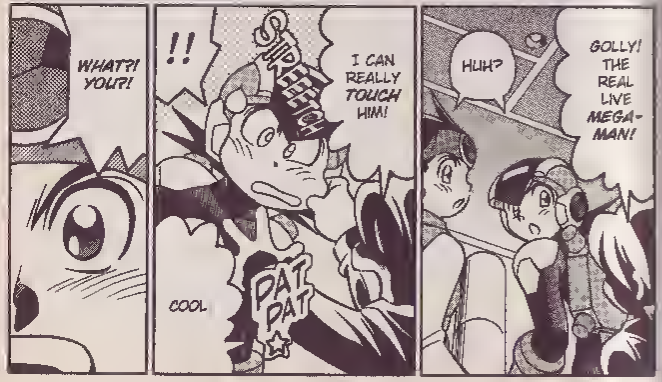

AAR-GH!
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' AWAY!

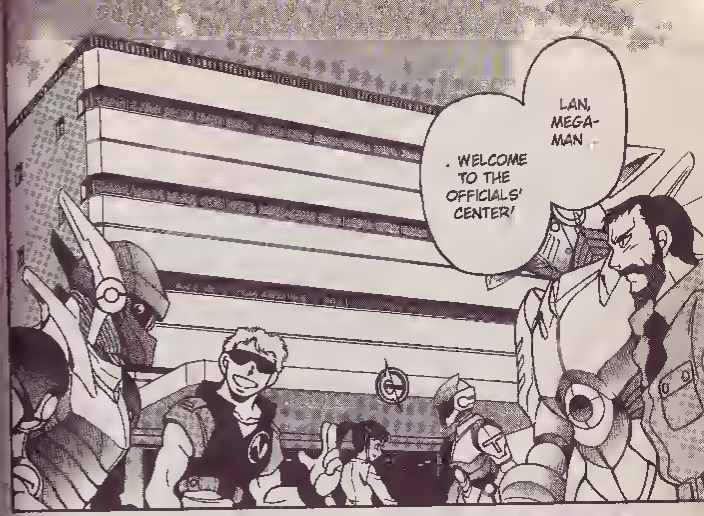
CHAPTER 2:
RETURN OF A SWORN FRIEND!



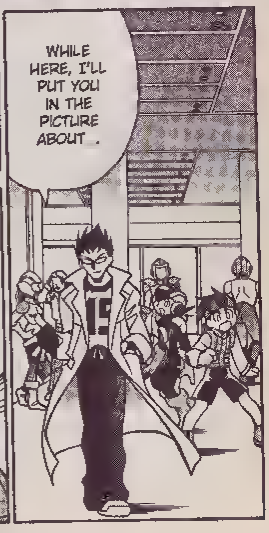

HEEEY.. THEY GOT NUTHIN' ON US!
SOME OF THEM LOOK PRETTY DARN IMPRES-SIVE!

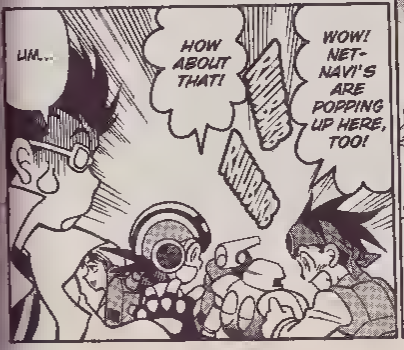

...THIS CENTER IS ALSO OUR BASTION AGAINST THE FORCES OF DARKNESS...
HEH HEH..

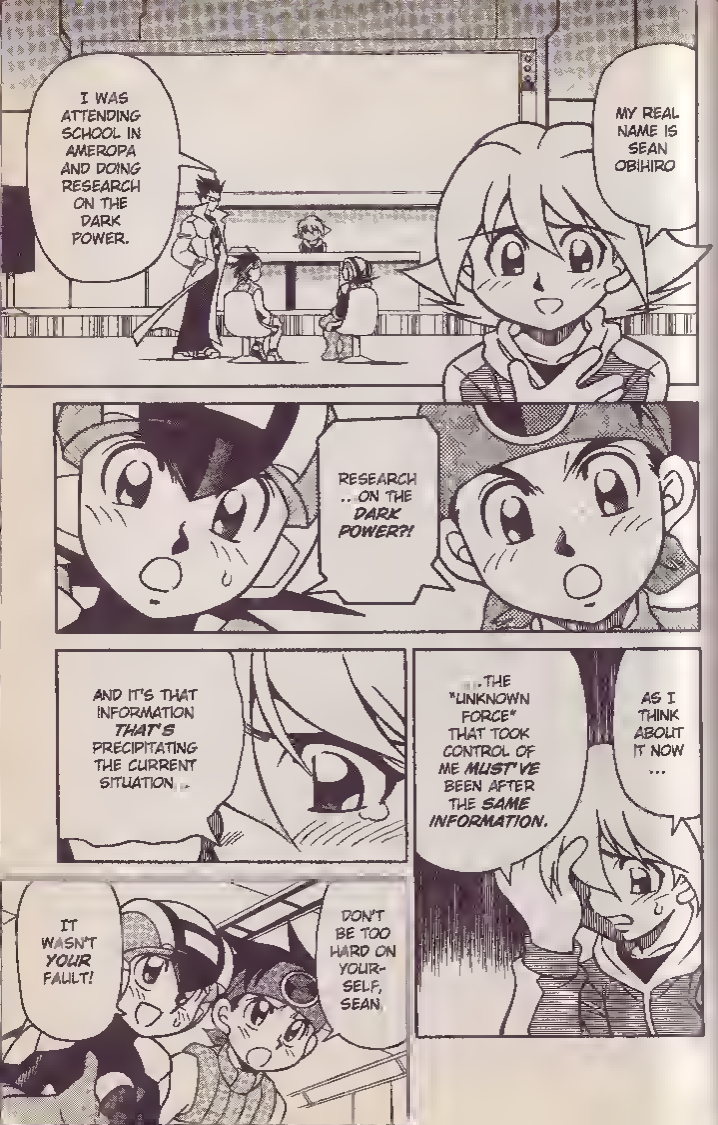

WHAT?! YOU?!
!!
SURPRISE!
I CAN REALLY TOUCH HIM!
COOL
PAT PAT
HUH?
GOLLY! THE REAL LIVE MEGA-MAN!


LAN, MEGA-MAN.
. WELCOME TO THE OFFICIALS' CENTER!

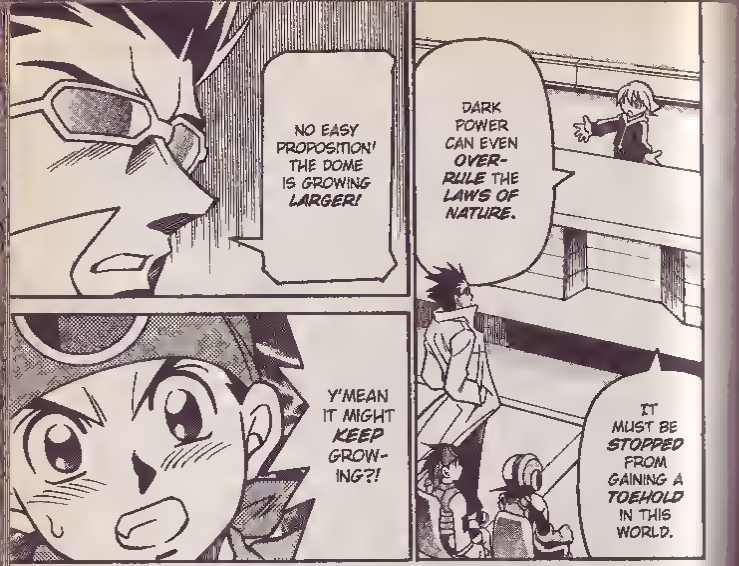
...THE DIRE PERIL OUR WORLD IS FACING!!

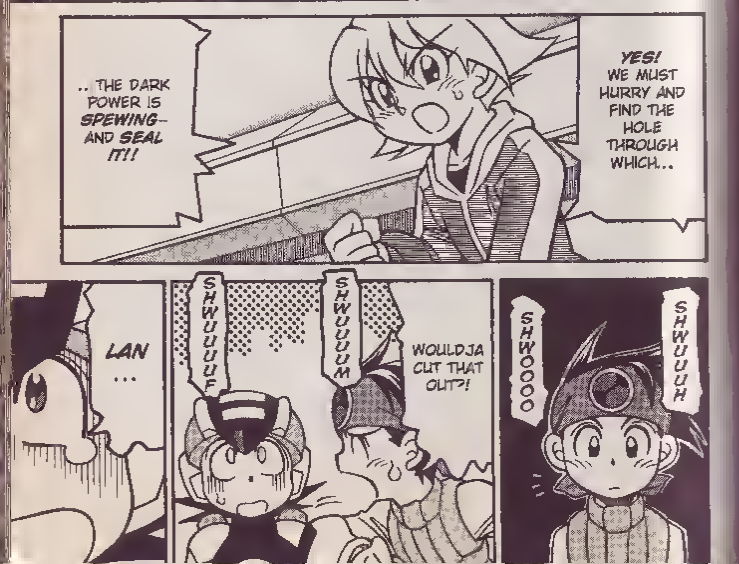

WHILE HERE, I'LL PUT YOU IN THE PICTURE ABOUT.

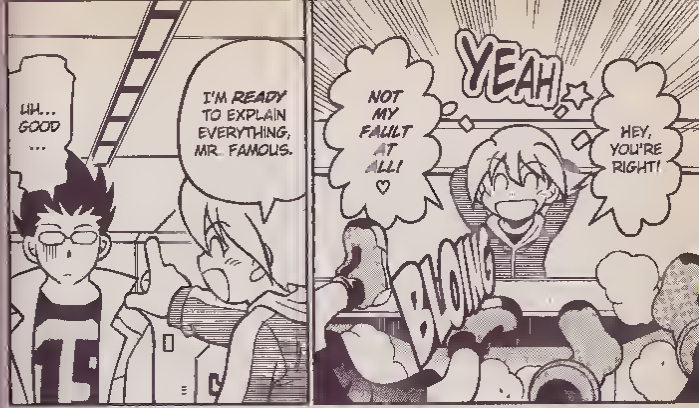

UM...
HOW ABOUT THAT!
WOW! NET-NAVI'S ARE POPPING UP HERE, TOO!


I WAS ATTENDING SCHOOL IN AMEROPA AND DOING RESEARCH ON THE DARK POWER.
MY REAL NAME IS SEAN OBIHIRO
RESEARCH .. ON THE DARK POWER?!
AND IT'S THAT INFORMATION THAT'S PRECIPITATING THE CURRENT SITUATION
..THE "UNKNOWN FORCE" THAT TOOK CONTROL OF ME MUST'VE BEEN AFTER THE SAME INFORMATION.
AS I THINK ABOUT IT NOW ...
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!
DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOUR-SELF, SEAN.

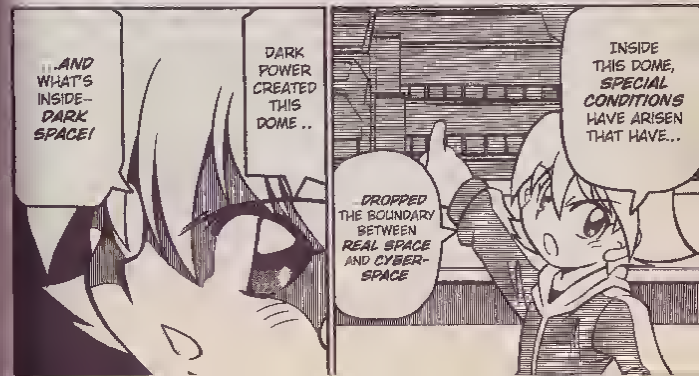
HOWDY! LONG TIME NO SEE! ♡
KEI YUKI !!
THE LEADER OF GRAVE !!!
THAT'S NOT KEI YUKI!!
KNOCK IT OFF!
HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE ?!
YOU VILLAIN !!!
MENTAL CONTROL?
NOT ANY-MORE, THAT IS "KEI YUKI" WAS HIS PERSONA WHILE UNDER THE MENTAL CONTROL OF SOME UNKNOWN FORCE.


NO EASY PROPOSITION! THE DOME IS GROWING LARGER!
DARK POWER CAN EVEN OVER-RULE THE LAWS OF NATURE.
Y'MEAN IT MIGHT KEEP GROW-ING?!
IT MUST BE STOPPED FROM GAINING A TOEHOLD IN THIS WORLD.

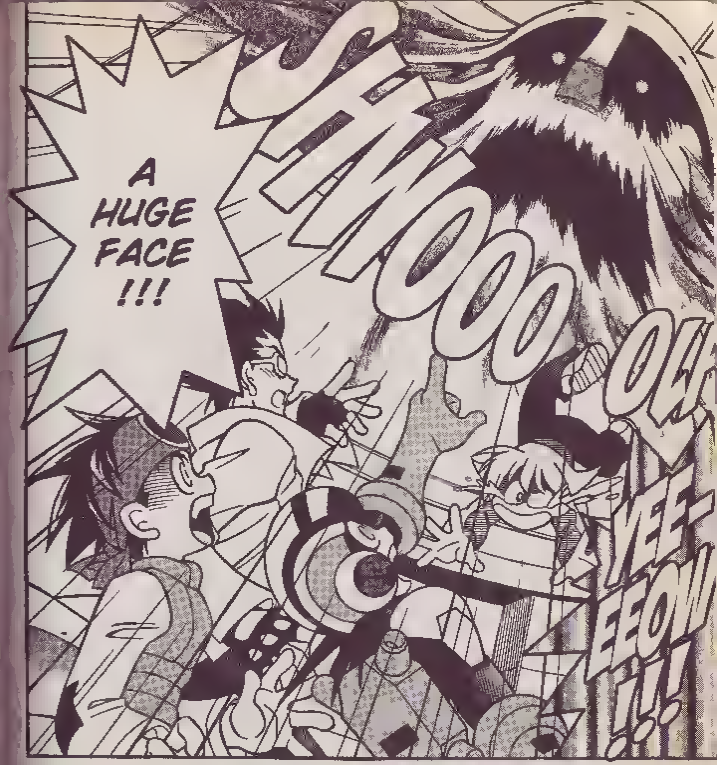

.. THE DARK POWER IS SPEWING-- AND SEAL IT!!
YES! WE MUST HURRY AND FIND THE HOLE THROUGH WHICH...
LAN ...
SHWUUUF
SHWUUUM
WOULDJA CUT THAT OUT?!
SHWOOOO
SHWUUUH

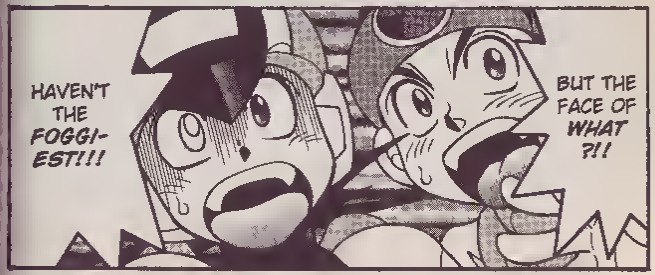

UH... GOOD ...
I'M READY TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING, MR. FAMOUS.
NOT MY FAULT AT ALL! ♡
YEAH
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT!
BLOING

AS YOU SEE, A SHADOWY DOME NOW COVERS THE ENTIRE CENTRAL DISTRICT
THIS IS A CURRENT VIEW OF DENTECH CITY.

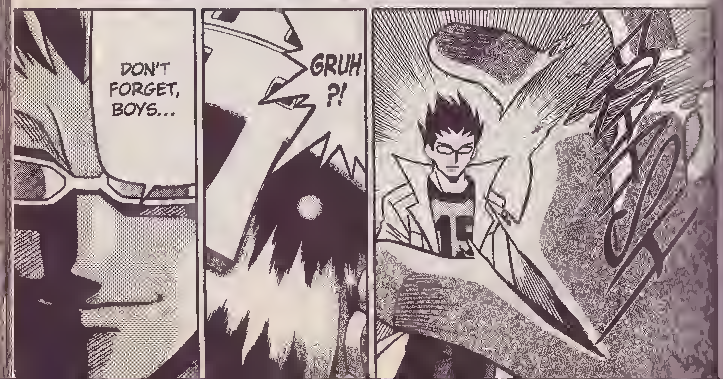

...AND WHAT'S INSIDE-- DARK SPACE!
DARK POWER CREATED THIS DOME ..
...DROPPED THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN REAL SPACE AND CYBER-SPACE
INSIDE THIS DOME, SPECIAL CONDITIONS HAVE ARISEN THAT HAVE...

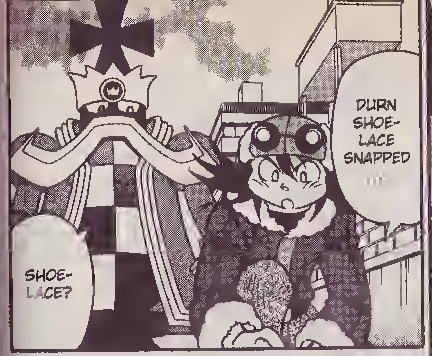
SKWUUUH
I AM OF THE QUARTET OF EVIL ...
...DESERT-MAAAAN !!!
FFFOOOSSSH
HERE TO VISIT DEATH ON THOSE WHO...
...DARE OPPOSE THE DARK POWER !!!!

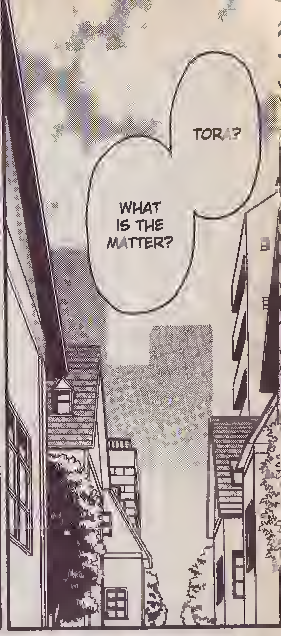

A HUGE FACE !!!
SHOOO
OU YEE-EEOW !!!

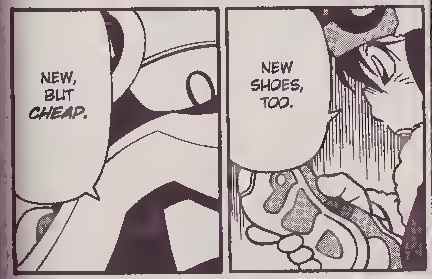

HAVEN'T THE FOGGI-EST!!!
BUT THE FACE OF WHAT ?!!

D!!!!!EEEEE!!!
LOOK OUT!!!
MR. FAMOUS !!

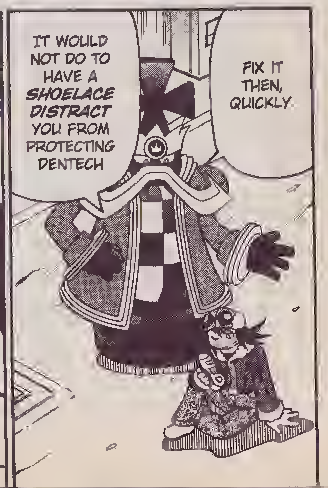

DON'T FORGET, BOYS...
GRUH ?!


DURN SHOE-LACE SNAPPED ...
SHOE-LACE?

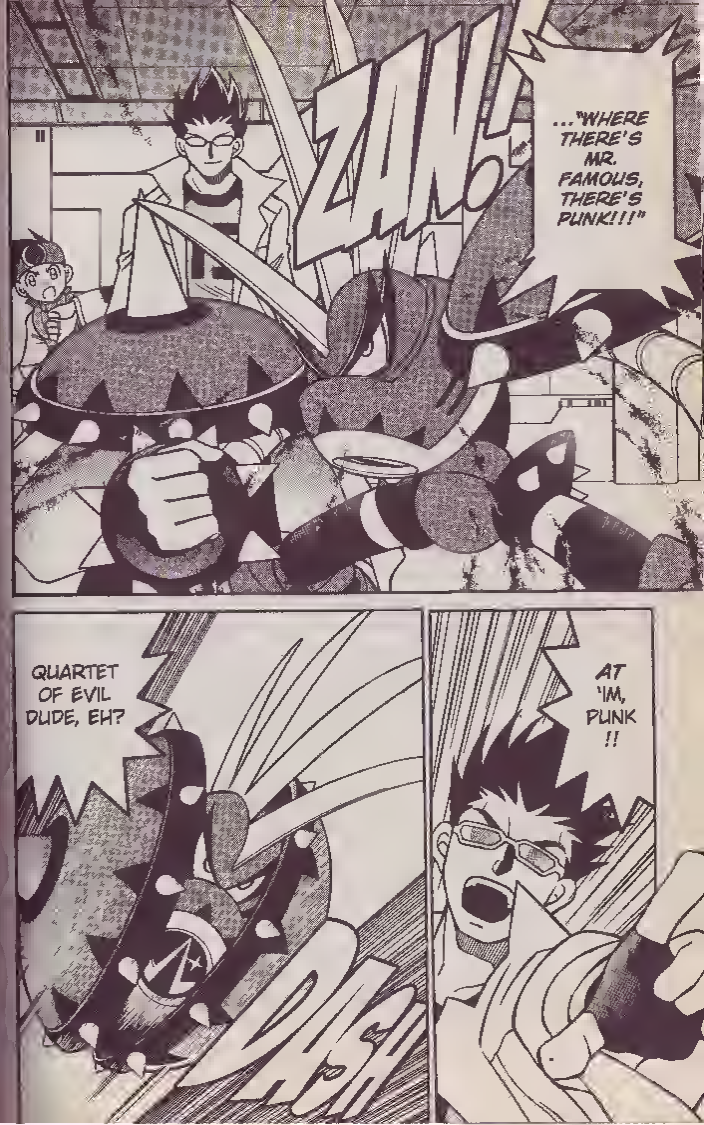

TORA?
WHAT IS THE MATTER?


NEW, BUT CHEAP.
NEW SHOES, TOO.

...BUT THIS AIN'T A GOOD SIGN.
STILL NOT SURE WHAT'S GOIN' ON ...

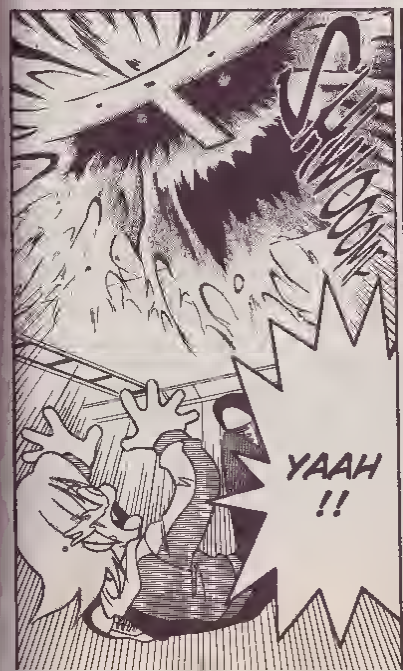

IT WOULD NOT DO TO HAVE A SHOELACE DISTRACT YOU FROM PROTECTING DENTECH
FIX IT THEN, QUICKLY.

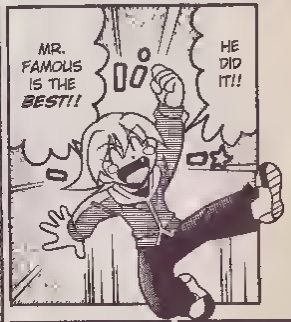
WHAP
HERE'S A SMASH HIT!!!
SCCEEEH
SHUM
THAT'S WAY MORE POWER THAN HE PITCHED AT ME!!

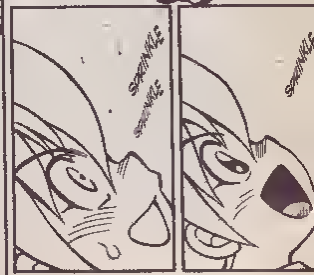

ZAN
...WHERE THERE'S MR. FAMOUS, THERE'S PUNK!!!
QUARTET OF EVIL DUDE, EH?
DAH
AT 'IM, PUNK !!

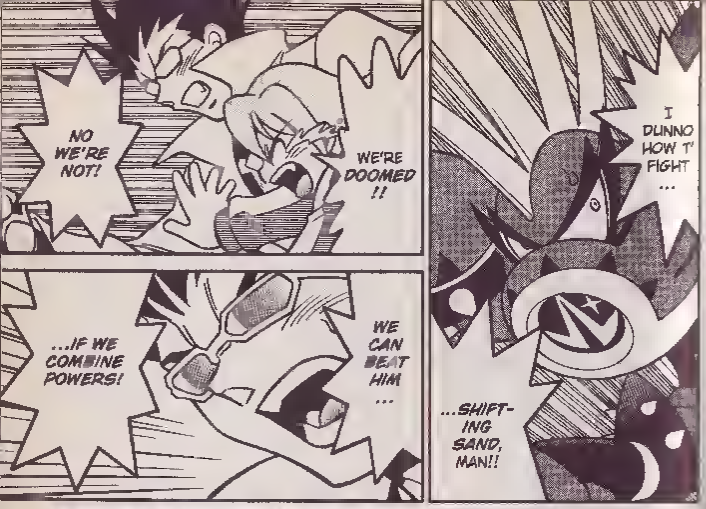
THIS GUY CAN PHASE INTO THE WALLS!!
NYAH-NYAH-NYAH !!!
PHASING CAN RENDER ONE ALMOST INVINCIBLE!!
AND HE'S UNDAMAGED!
MY TURN TO SMASH !!
SHLOOK
SHLOOK

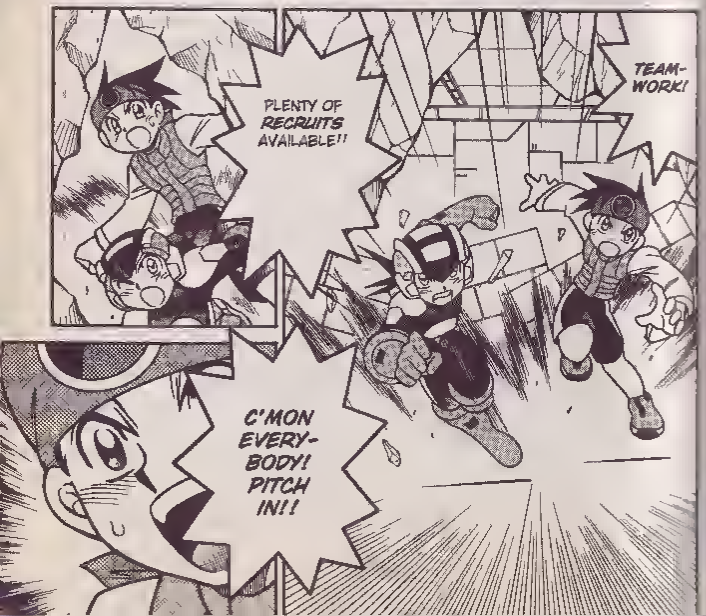
HOOM


YAAH !!


MR. FAMOUS IS THE BEST!!
HE DID IT!!

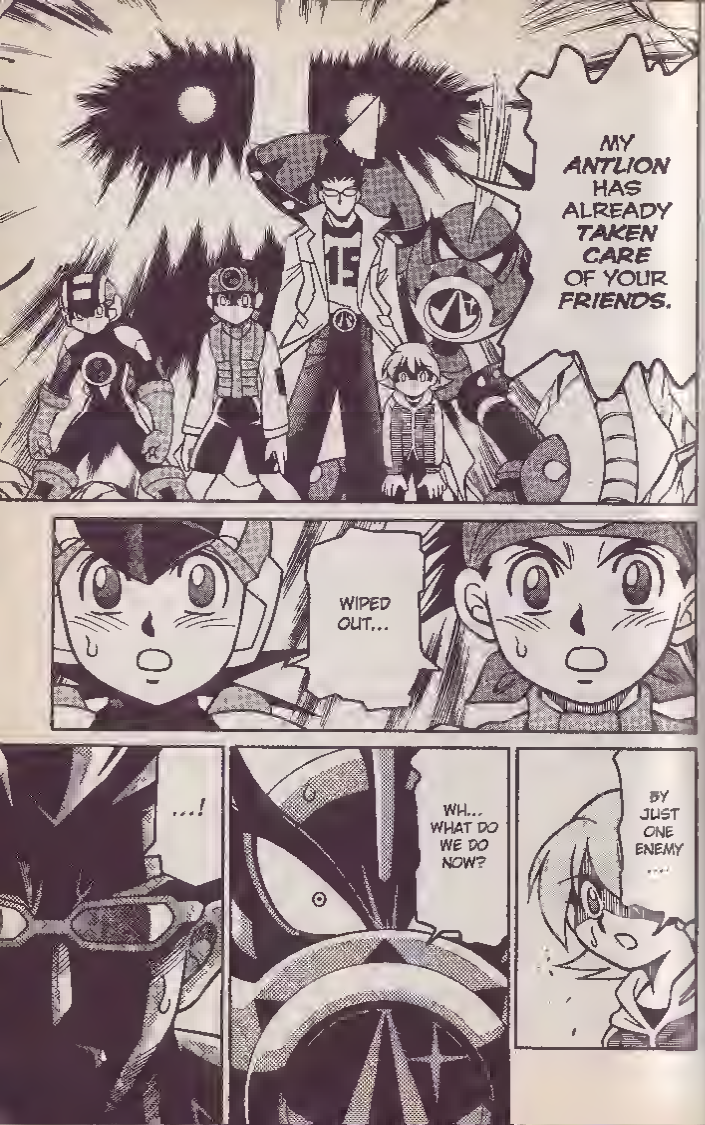

SPANNG SPANNG
SPANNG


NO WE'RE NOT!
WE'RE DOOMED !!
...IF WE COMBINE POWERS!
WE CAN BEAT HIM ...
I DUNNO HOW T' FIGHT ...
...SHIFTING SAND, MAN!!

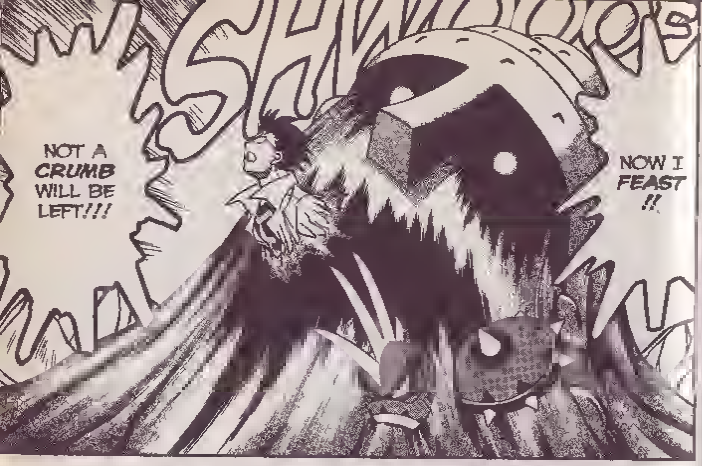

PLENTY OF RECRUITS AVAILABLE!!
TEAMWORK!
C'MON EVERYBODY! PITCH IN!!

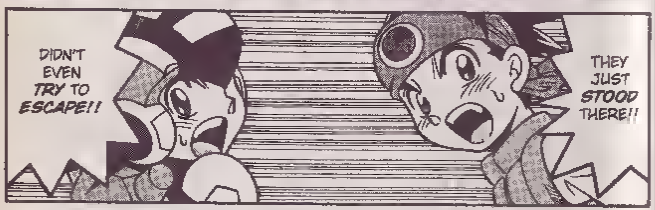
SAND!!!
HEAVY

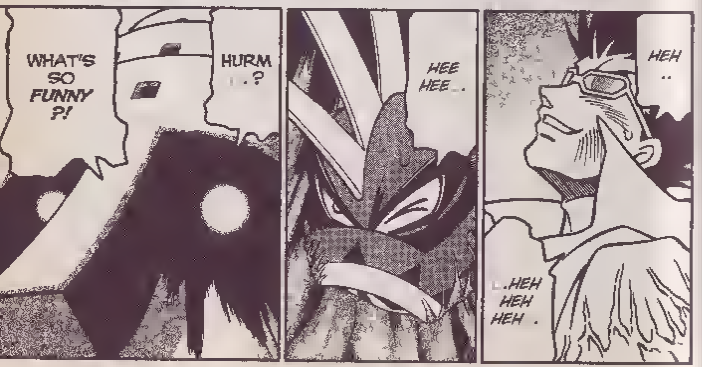
AAA-AAGH !!!

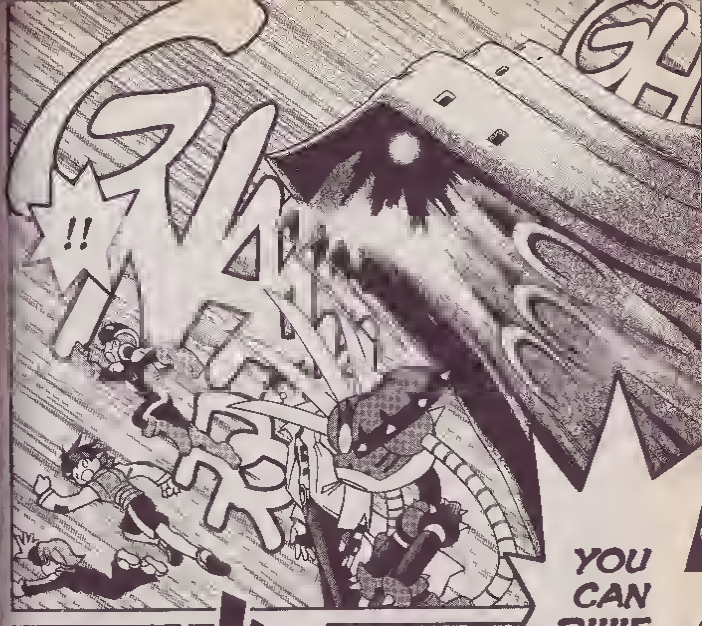

MY ANTLION HAS ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF YOUR FRIENDS.
WIPED OUT...
...!
WH... WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
BY JUST ONE ENEMY ...

TO-GETHER WE . UH .


SHWOOSH
NOT A CRUMB WILL BE LEFT!!!
NOW I FEAST !!


DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO ESCAPE!!
THEY JUST STOOD THERE!!


WHAT'S SO FUNNY ?!
HURM . ?
HEE HEE .
HEH ..
..HEH HEH HEH .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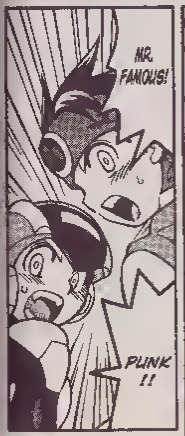
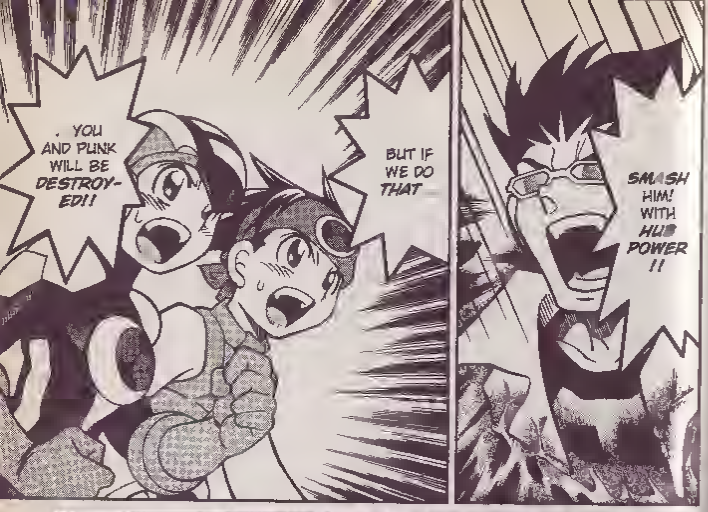
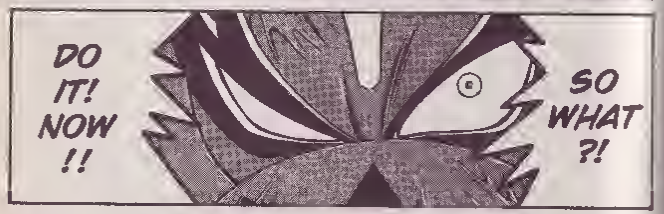
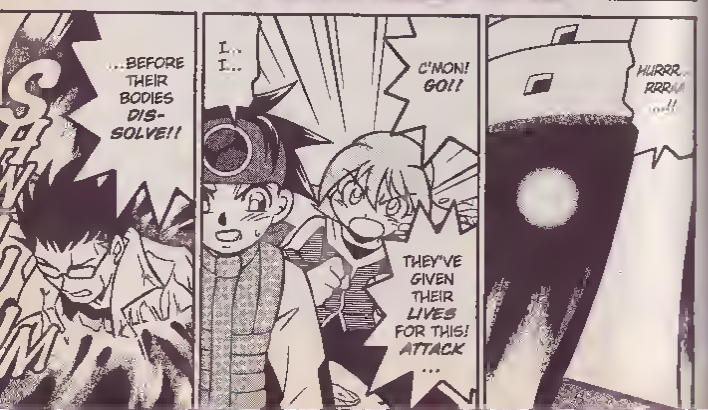
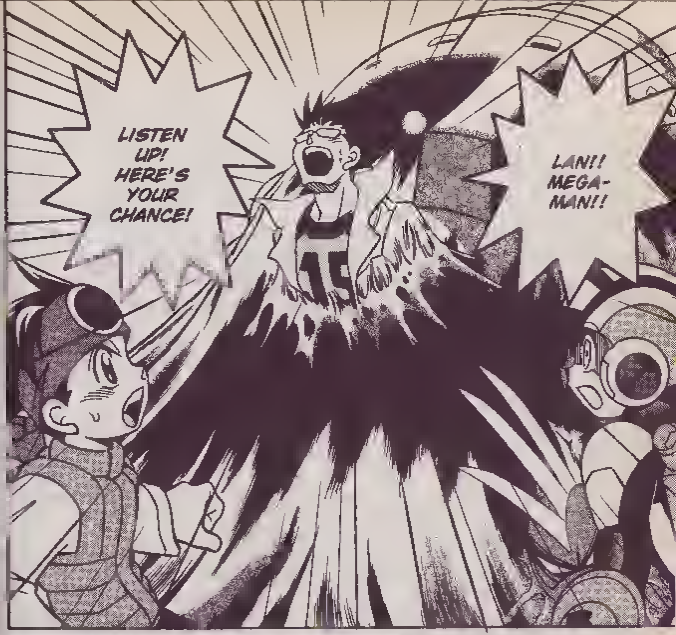

MR. FAMOUS!
PUNK !!

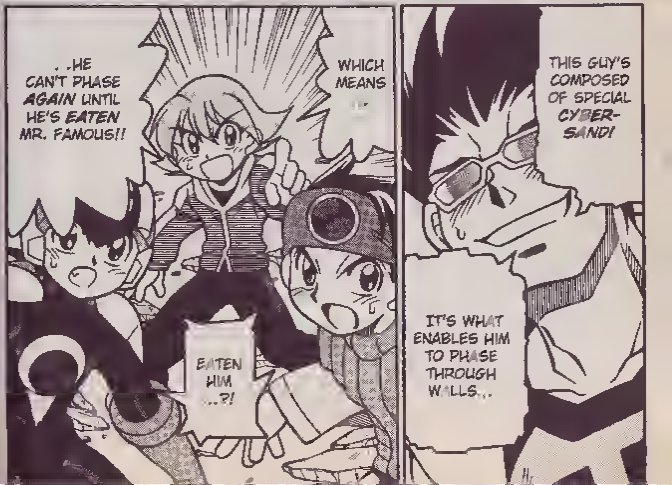
VAASH
YOU CAN DIIIIE-EEE!!!

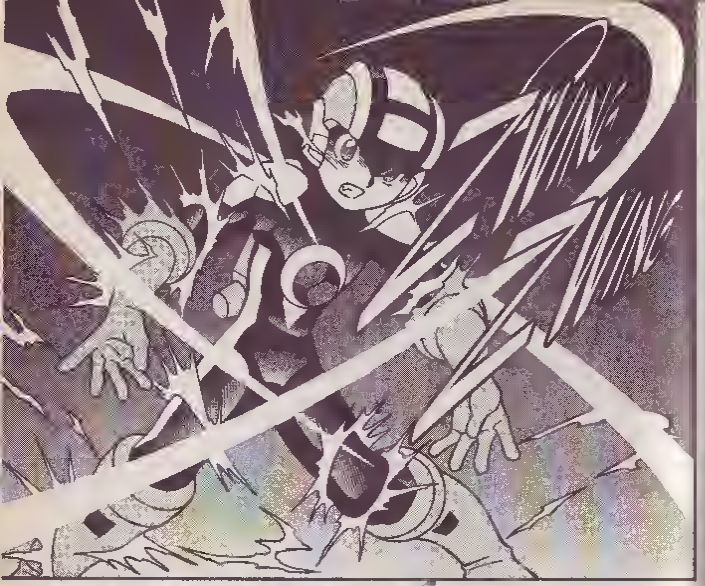

. YOU AND PUNK WILL BE DESTROY-ED!!
BUT IF WE DO THAT
SMASH HIM! WITH HUB POWER !!


DO IT! NOW !!
SO WHAT ?!


...BEFORE THEIR BODIES DIS-SOLVE!!
I.. I..
C'MON! GO!!
THEY'VE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR THIS! ATTACK ...
HURRR.. RRRR ...!!


LISTEN UP! HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!
LAN!! MEGA-MAN!!


. .HE CAN'T PHASE AGAIN UNTIL HE'S EATEN MR. FAMOUS!!
WHICH MEANS
EATEN HIM ...?!
THIS GUY'S COMPOSED OF SPECIAL CYBER-SAND!
IT'S WHAT ENABLES HIM TO PHASE THROUGH WALLS...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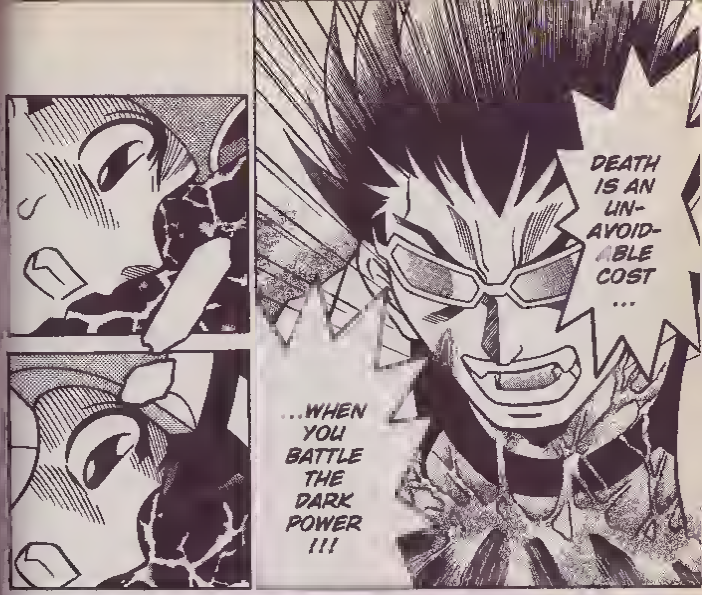
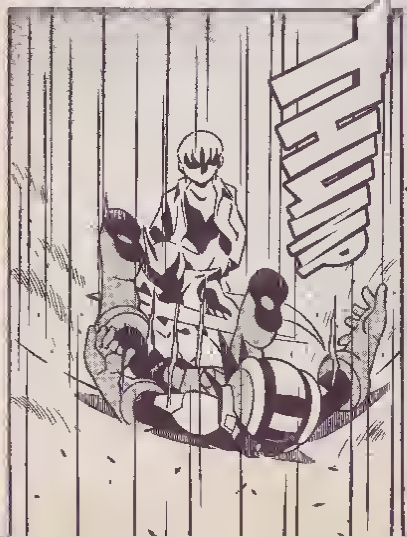

DEATH IS AN UN-AVOID-ABLE COST ...
...WHEN YOU BATTLE THE DARK POWER !!!


HMM

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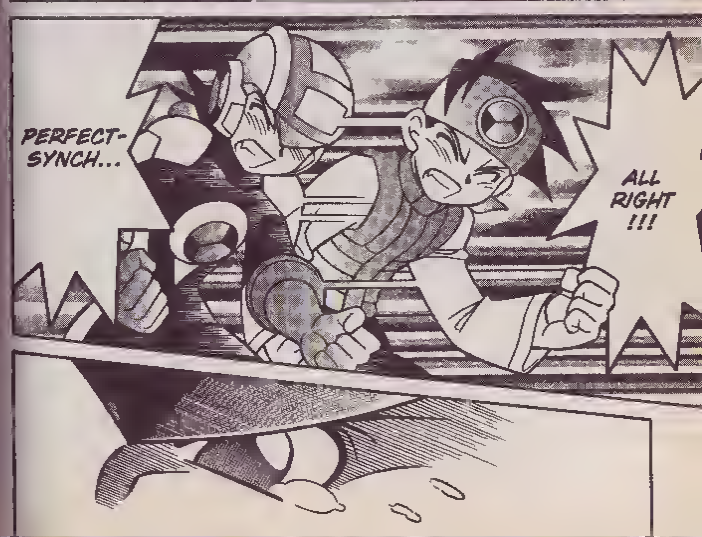
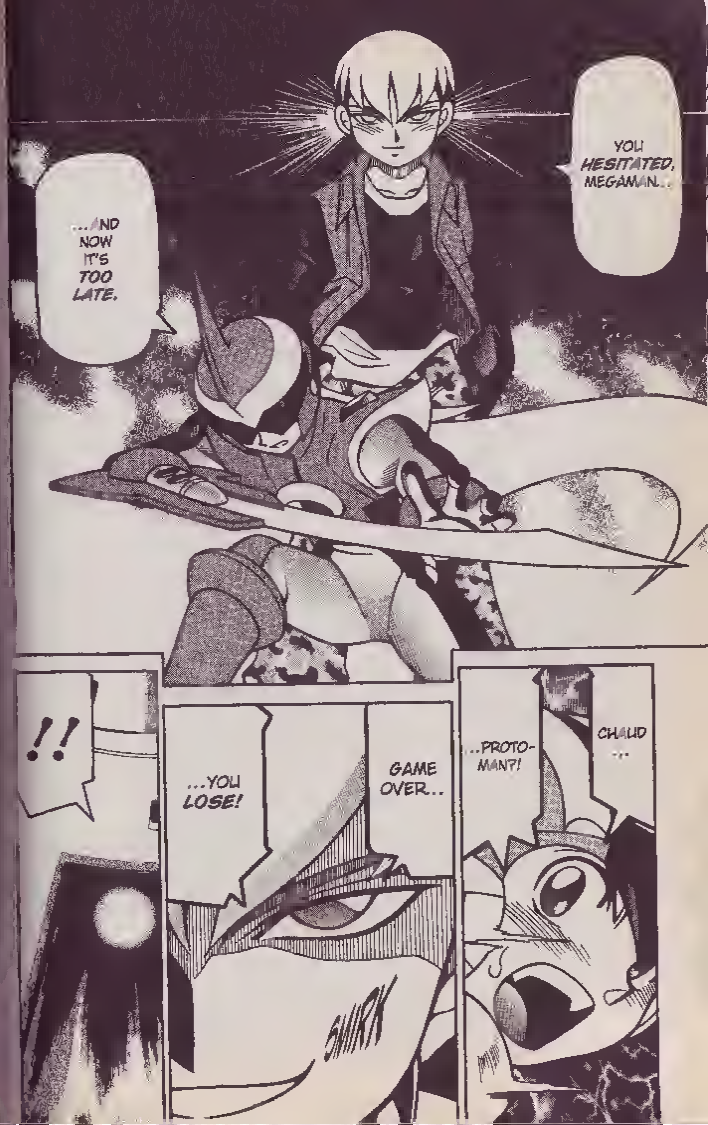
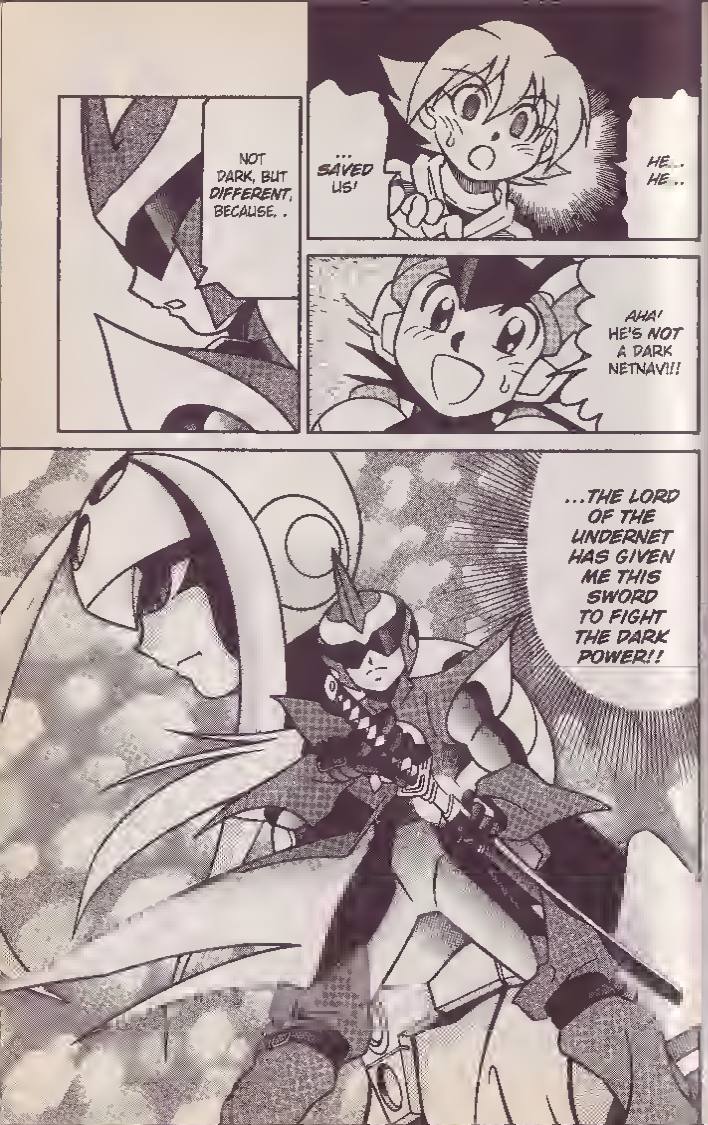
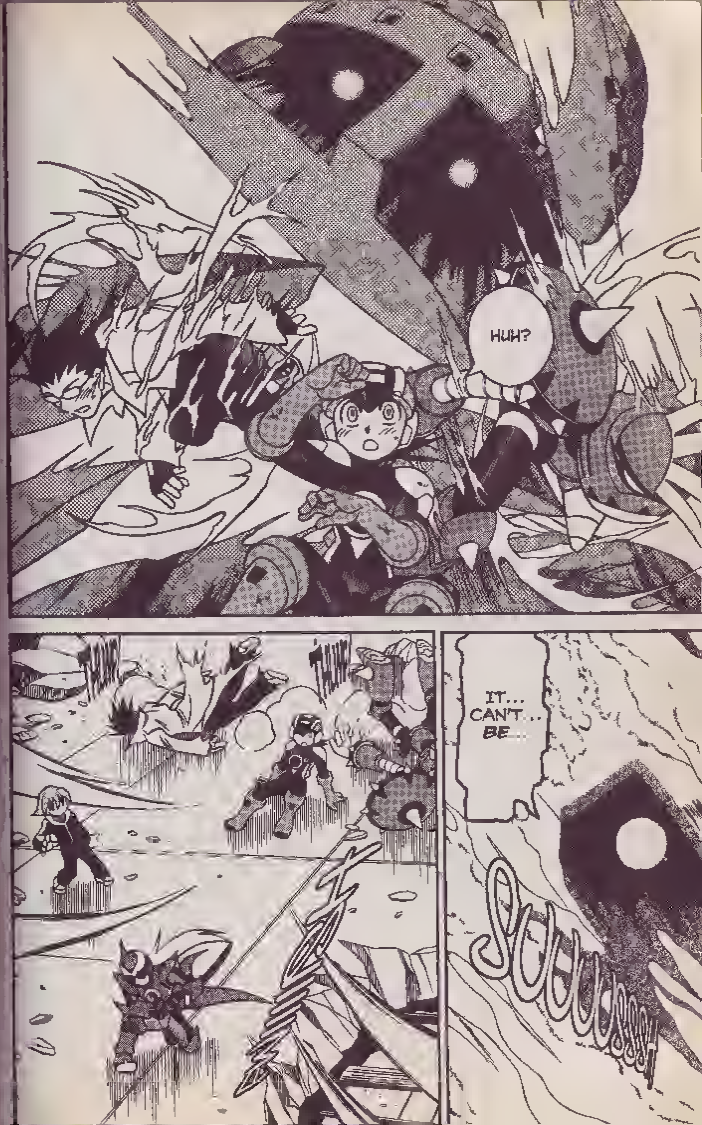

PERFECT-SYNCH...
ALL RIGHT !!!

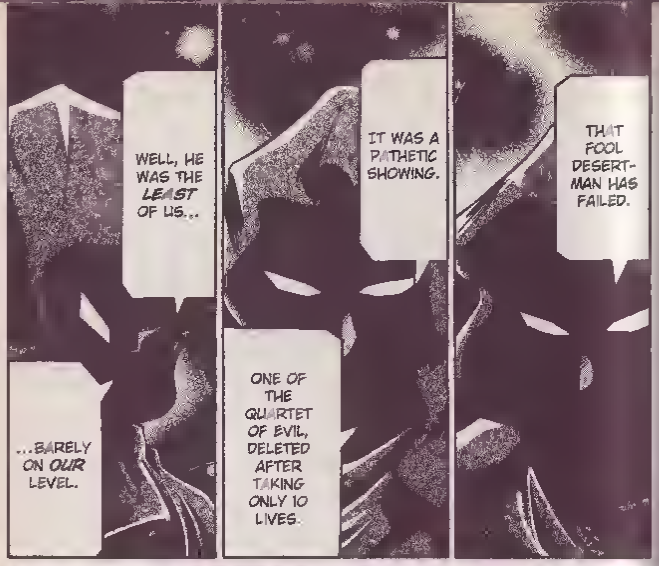
WELL, WELL !!
CHAUD BLAZE HAS BECOME A DARK HUMAN!!
WHAT TURNS THEM ARE ANGER, JEALOUSY, GREED, AND PRIDE!!
SOULS THAT TURN EVIL ATTRACT DARK POWER!
AND PROTO-MAN HAS BECOME A DARK NETNAVI ?!
NO... NOT POSSI-BLE...
EVIL HAD NO TROUBLE TEMPTING YOU, DID IT, CHAUD?!
YOU'VE EMBRACED ALL OF THESE!


YOU HESITATED, MEGAMAN...
...AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE.
!!
...YOU LOSE!
GAME OVER...
SNIRK
...PROTO-MAN?!
CHAUD ...

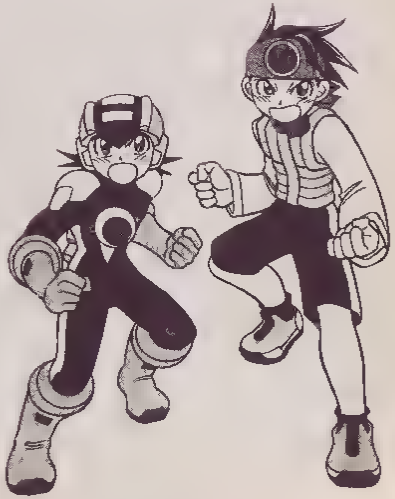
PROTOMAN
MURAMASA—STYLE!!
OF COURSE! IT GAVE ME NEW POWER!! WATCH!!
AHH-HH-HHH!!!

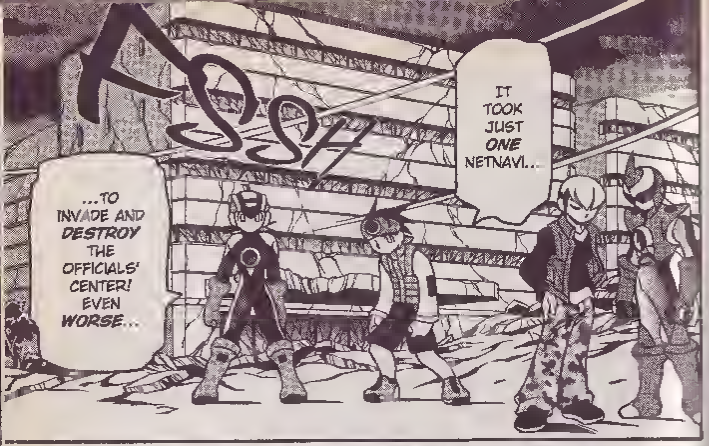

NOT DARK, BUT DIFFERENT, BECAUSE. .
...SAVED US!
HE... HE..
AHA! HE'S NOT A DARK NETNAV!!!
...THE LORD OF THE UNDERNET HAS GIVEN ME THIS SWORD TO FIGHT THE DARK POWER!!

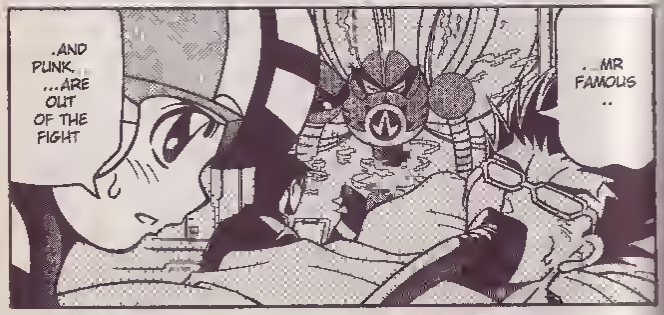

HUH?
THUNK
THUNK
IT... CAN'T... BE...
Sssssss

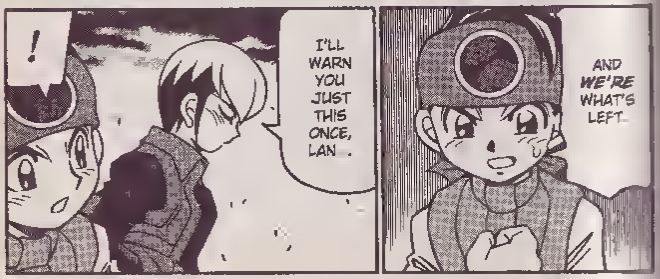

WELL, HE WAS THE LEAST OF US...
...BARELY ON OUR LEVEL.
IT WAS A PATHETIC SHOWING.
ONE OF THE QUARTET OF EVIL, DELETED AFTER TAKING ONLY 10 LIVES.
THAT FOOL DESERT-MAN HAS FAILED.

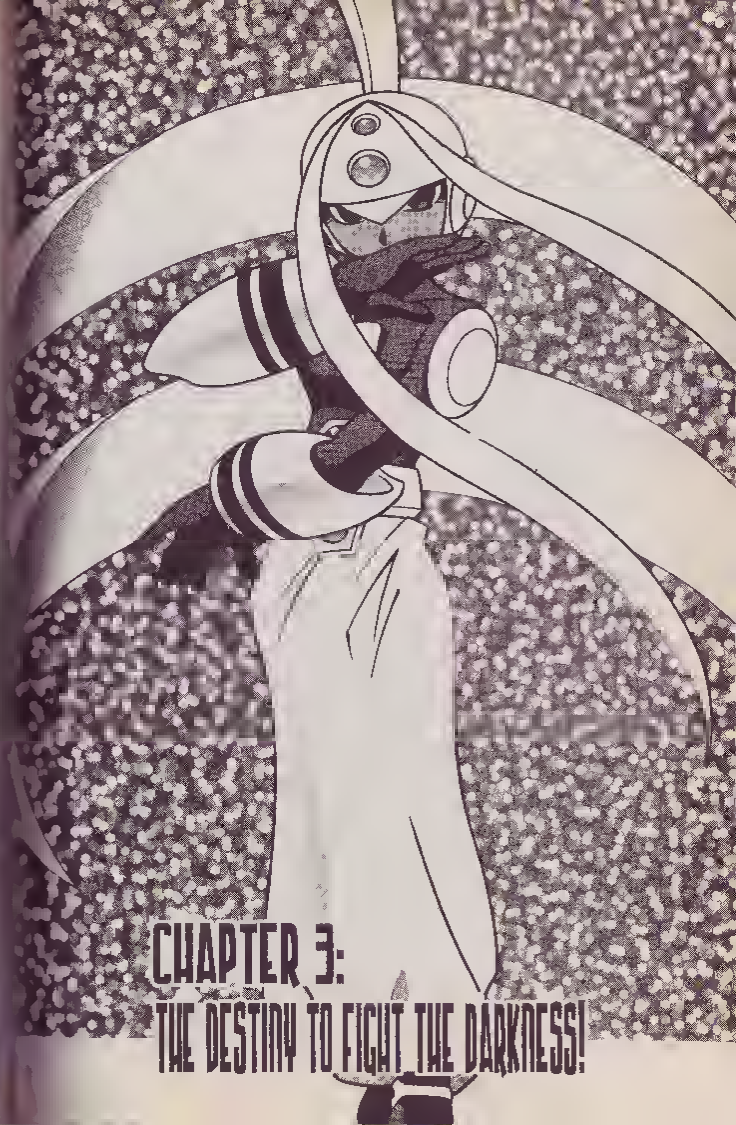
...THE TRUE TERROR OF THE DARK POWER!!!
RRRRUUUMMMBLE
WE THREE THAT REMAIN WILL SOON SHOW THEM.



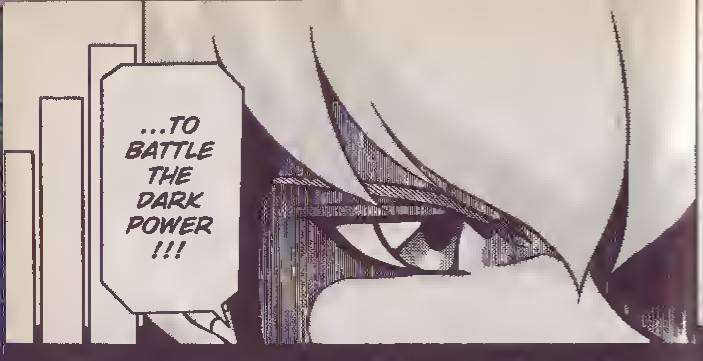


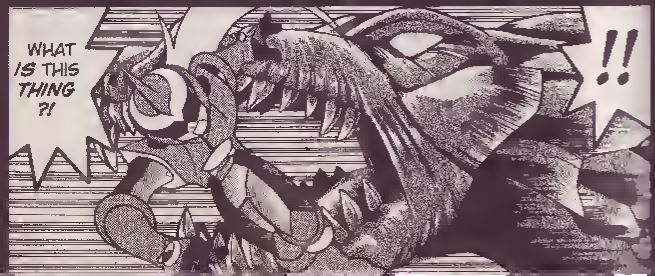


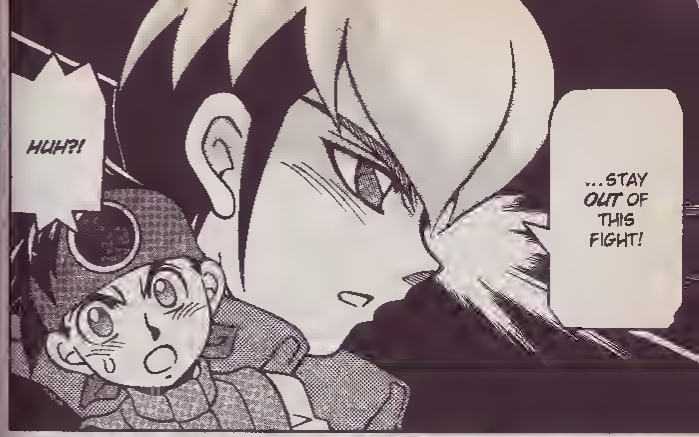




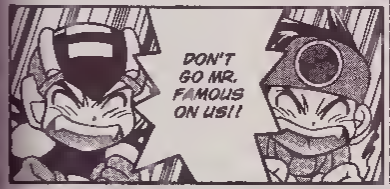
CHAPTER 3:
THE DESTINY TO FIGHT THE DARKNESS!

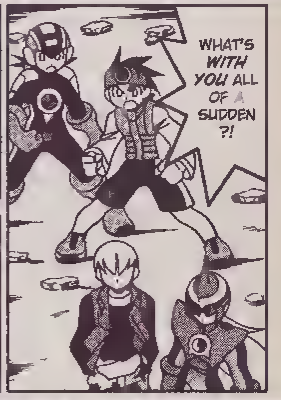

...TO BATTLE THE DARK POWER !!!


WHAT IS THIS THING ?!
!!

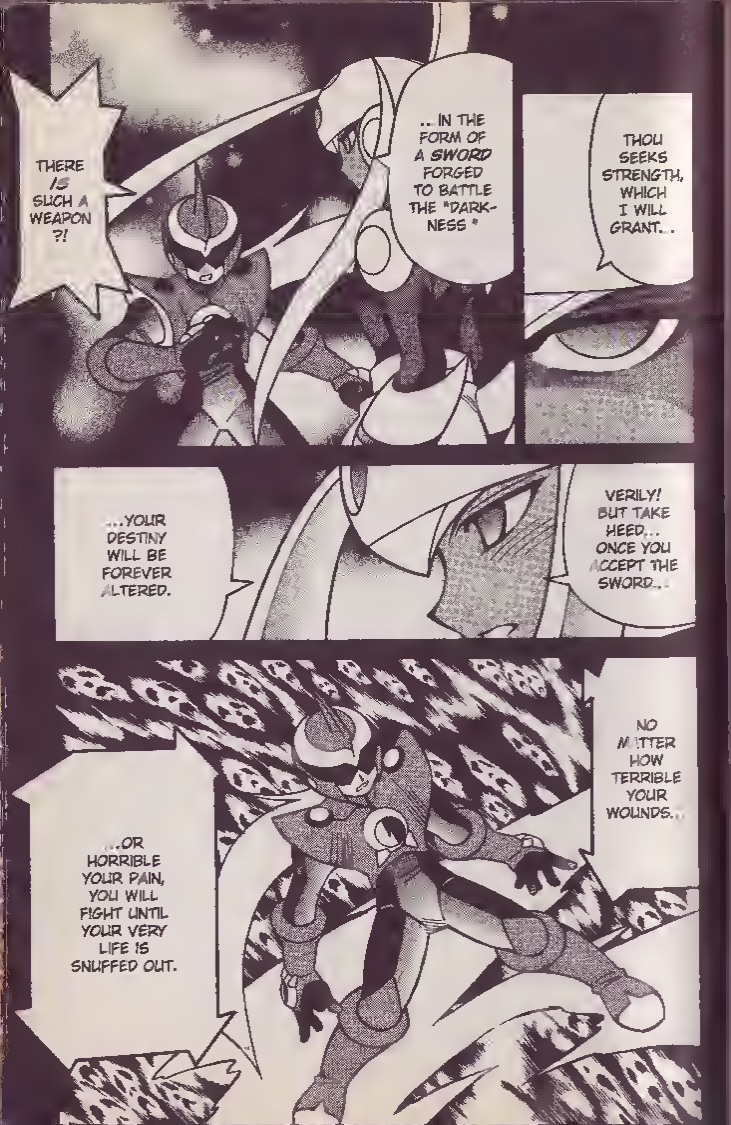

HUH?!
...STAY OUT OF THIS FIGHT!

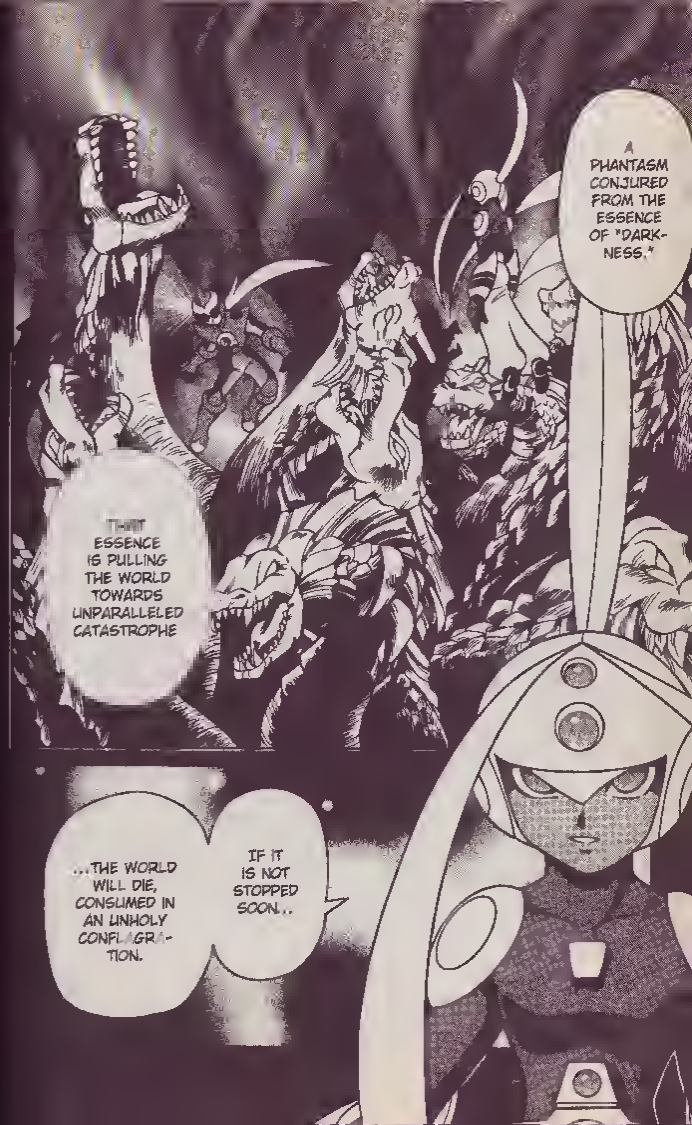
THE DARK POWER IS MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE.

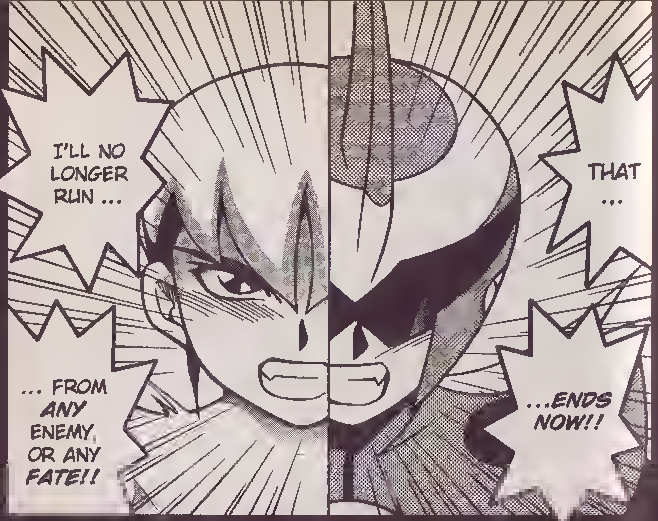

DON'T GO MR. FAMOUS ON US!!

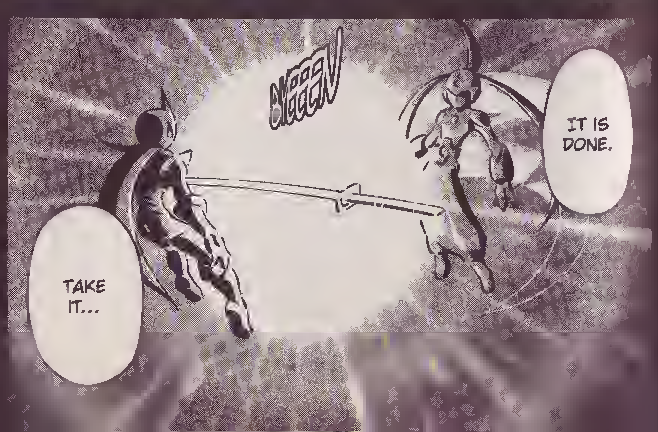

WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN ?!

..WHO BESTOWED ON US THE SINGULAR ONUS .
THIS ISN'T ABOUT GRADES WE MET A NETNAVI AT THE NADIR OF THE UNDERNET...

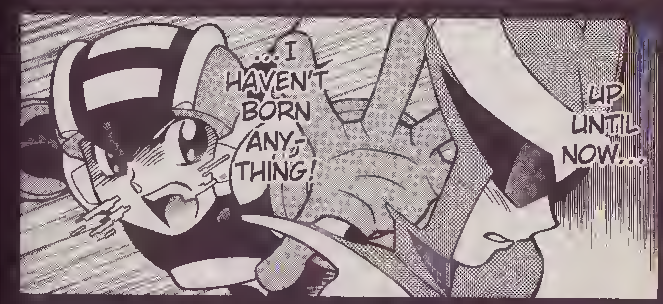

THERE IS SUCH A WEAPON ?!
.. IN THE FORM OF A SWORD FORGED TO BATTLE THE "DARKNESS "
THOU SEEKS STRENGTH, WHICH I WILL GRANT. .
...YOUR DESTINY WILL BE FOREVER ALTERED.
VERILY! BUT TAKE HEED... ONCE YOU ACCEPT THE SWORD...
...OR HORRIBLE YOUR PAIN, YOU WILL FIGHT UNTIL YOUR VERY LIFE IS SNUFFED OUT.
NO MATTER HOW TERRIBLE YOUR WOUNDS...

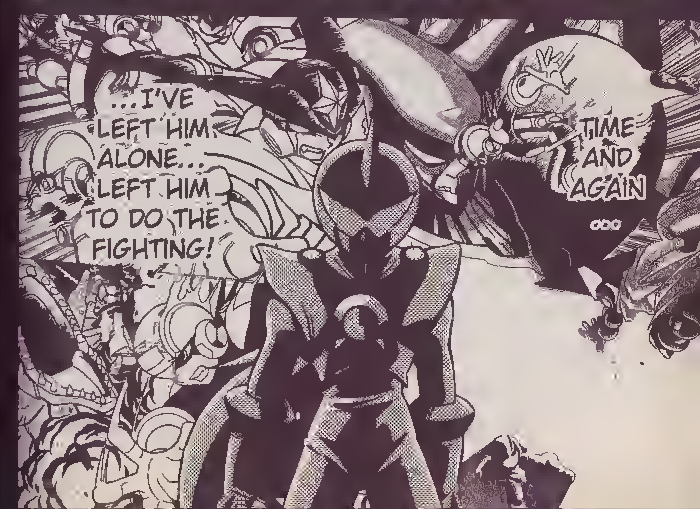

A PHANTASM CONJURED FROM THE ESSENCE OF "DARKNESS."
THAT ESSENCE IS PULLING THE WORLD TOWARDS UNPARALLELED CATASTROPHE
IF IT IS NOT STOPPED SOON..
...THE WORLD WILL DIE, CONSUMED IN AN UNHOLY CONFLAGRATION.

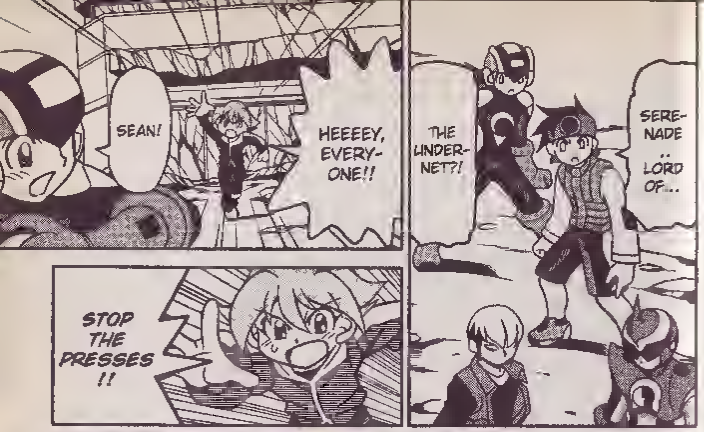

I'LL NO LONGER RUN ...
... FROM ANY ENEMY, OR ANY FATE!!
THAT ...
...ENDS NOW!!

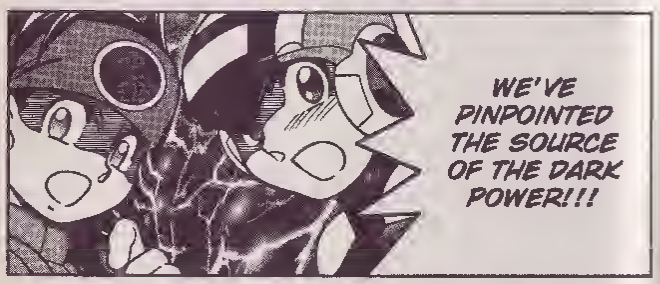

SHIIING
IT IS DONE.
TAKE IT...

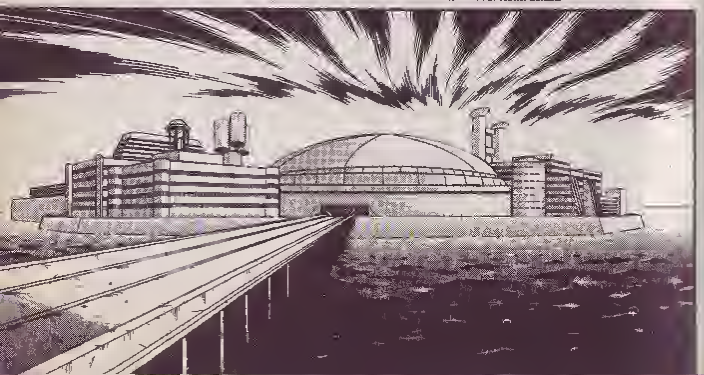
...
CAN YOU BEAR THIS BURDEN?

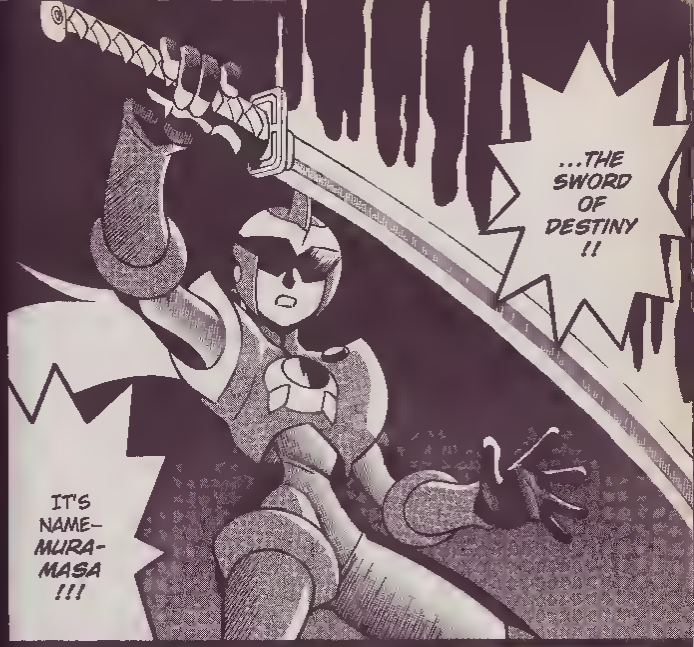

...I HAVEN'T BORN ANY-THING!
UP UNTIL NOW...

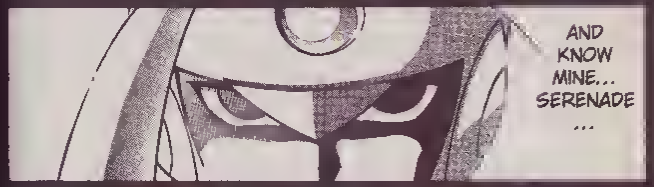

...I'VE LEFT HIM ALONE... LEFT HIM TO DO THE FIGHTING!
TIME AND AGAIN ...

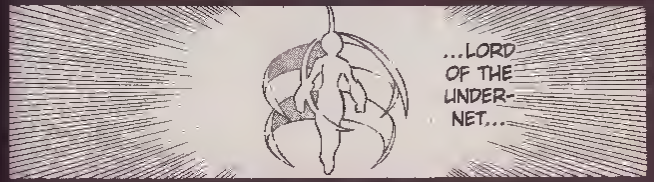

SEAN!
HEEEEY, EVERY-ONE!!
THE UNDER-NET?!
SERE-NADE .. LORD OF...
STOP THE PRESSES !!

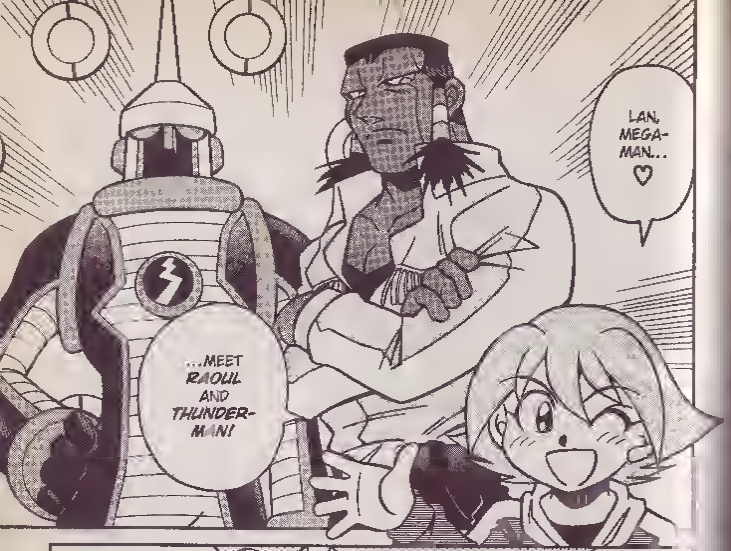

WE'VE PINPOINTED THE SOURCE OF THE DARK POWER!!!

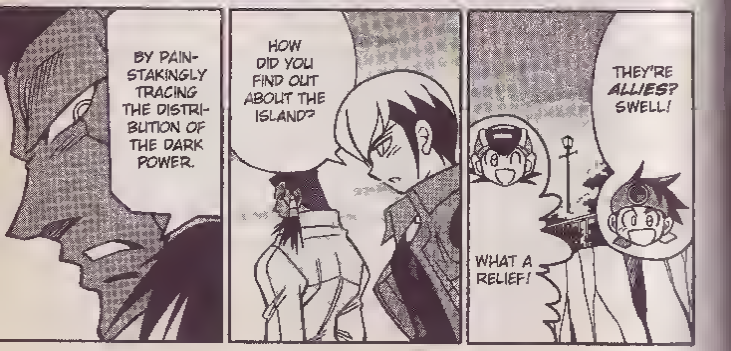


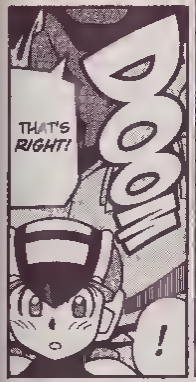

...THE SWORD OF DESTINY !!
IT'S NAME– MURA-MASA !!!

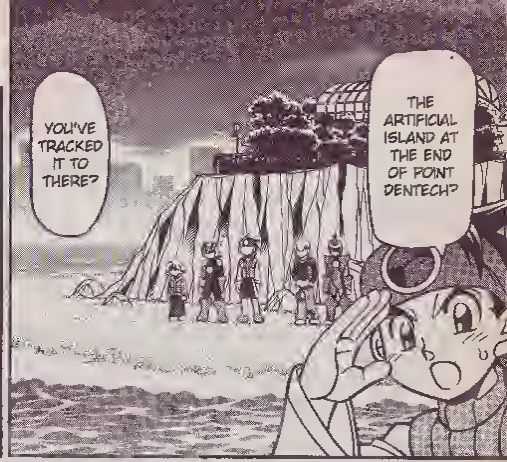

AND KNOW MINE... SERENADE ...

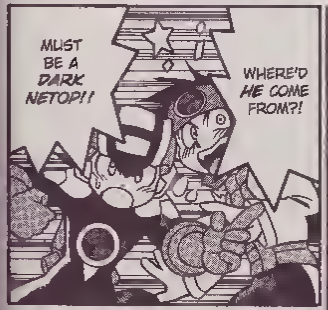

...LORD OF THE UNDER-NET...

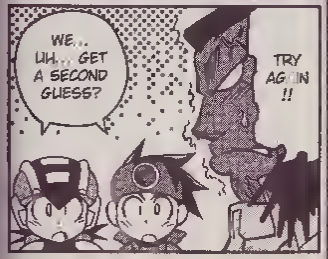

LAN, MEGA-MAN... ♡
...MEET RAOUL AND THUNDER-MAN!
YOUR FACE IS RATHER STARTLING AT FIRST, RAOUL SIR.
SUCH UNUTTER-ABLE RUDE-NESS...

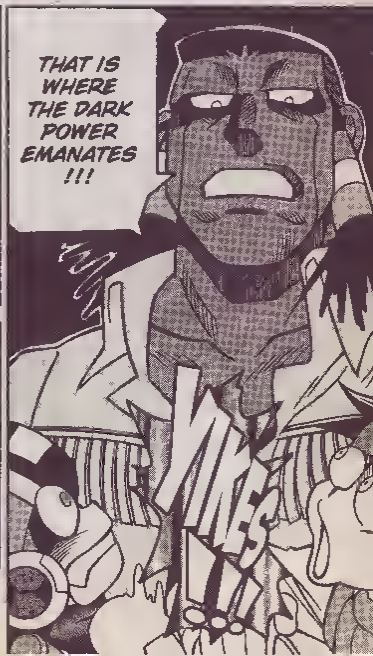

BY PAIN-STAKINGLY TRACING THE DISTRI-BUTION OF THE DARK POWER.
HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT THE ISLAND?
THEY'RE ALLIES? SWELL!
WHAT A RELIEF!

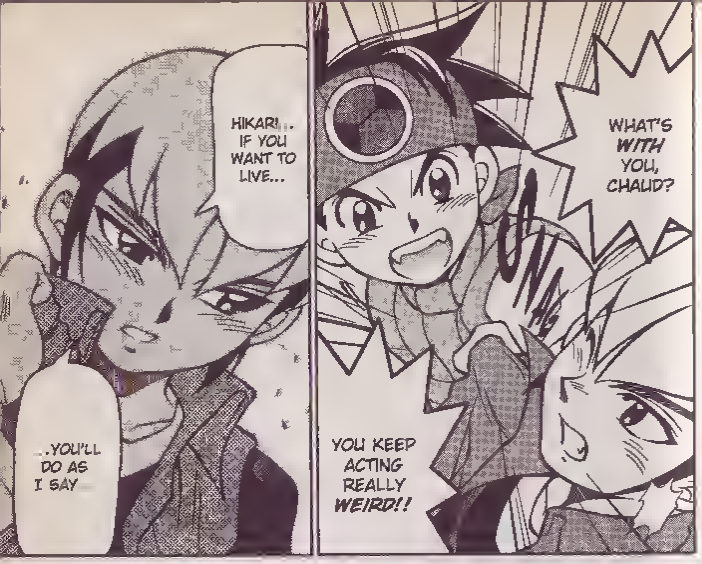

THAT'S RIGHT!
BOOM!

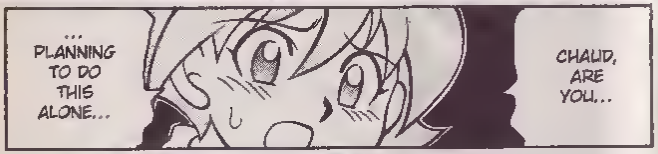

YOU'VE TRACKED IT TO THERE?
THE ARTIFICIAL ISLAND AT THE END OF POINT DENTECH?

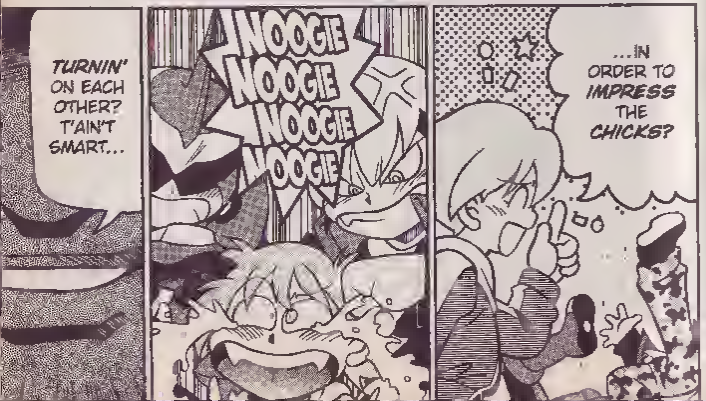

MUST BE A DARK NETOP!!
WHERE'D HE COME FROM?!

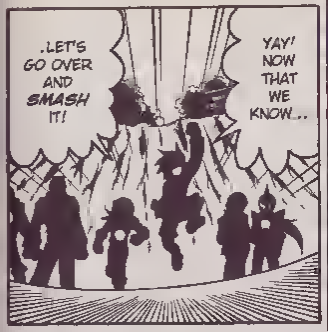

WE... UH... GET A SECOND GUESS?
TRY AGAIN !!


THAT IS WHERE THE DARK POWER EMANATES !!!
YES!!!

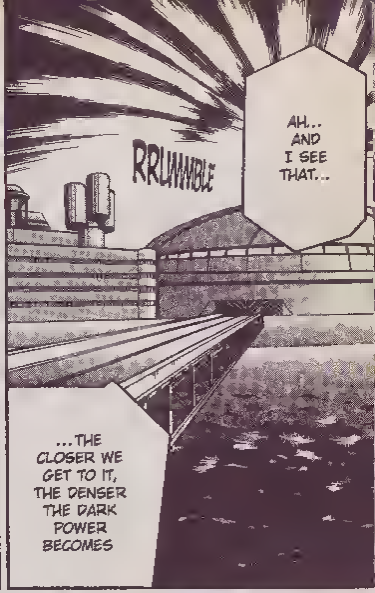

HIKARI... IF YOU WANT TO LIVE...
...YOU'LL DO AS I SAY...
WHAT'S WITH YOU, CHAUD?
YOU KEEP ACTING REALLY WEIRD!!

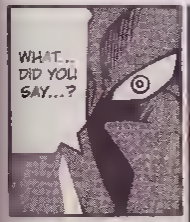

...PLANNING TO DO THIS ALONE...
CHAUD, ARE YOU...

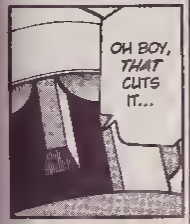

TURNIN' ON EACH OTHER? T'AIN'T SMART...
NOOGIE NOOGIE NOOGIE NOOGIE
...IN ORDER TO IMPRESS THE CHICKS?

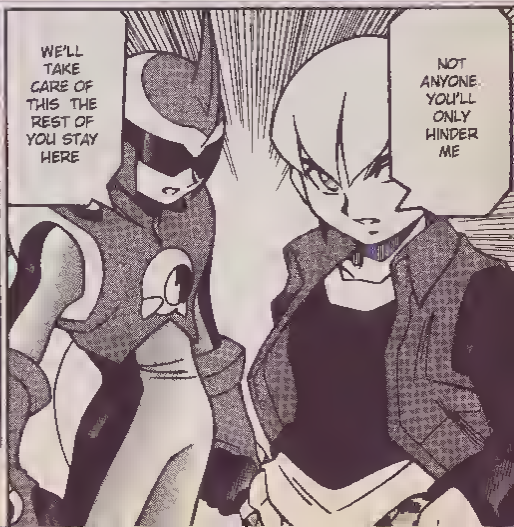

..LET'S GO OVER AND SMASH IT!
YAY! NOW THAT WE KNOW...

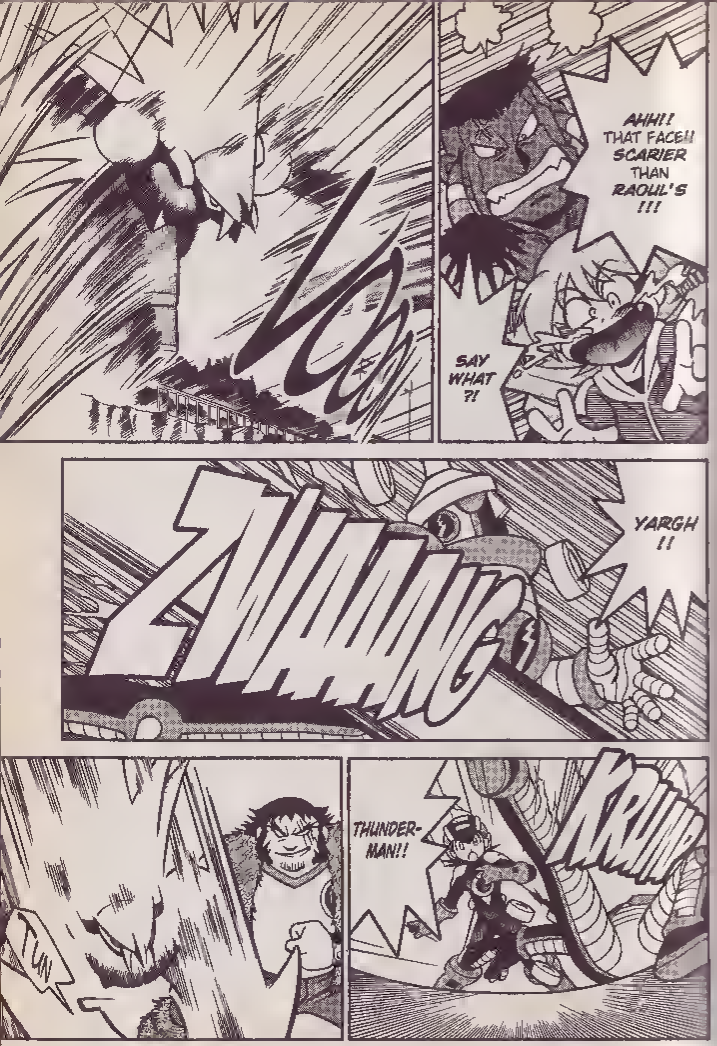
NOT YOU

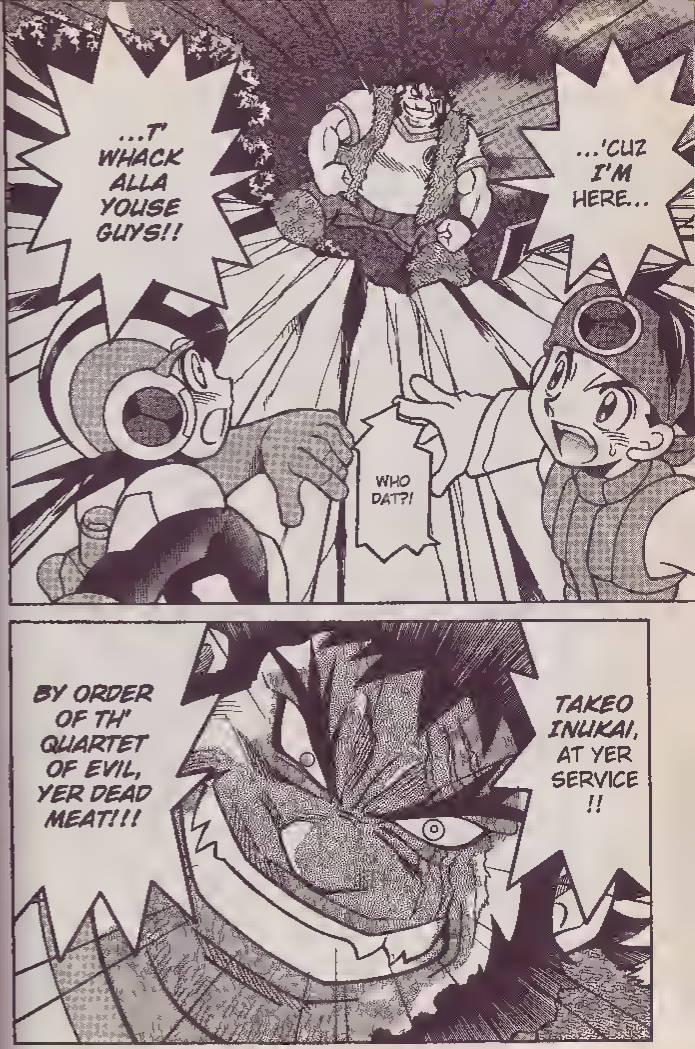

RRUMBLE
AH... AND I SEE THAT...
...THE CLOSER WE GET TO IT, THE DENSER THE DARK POWER BECOMES

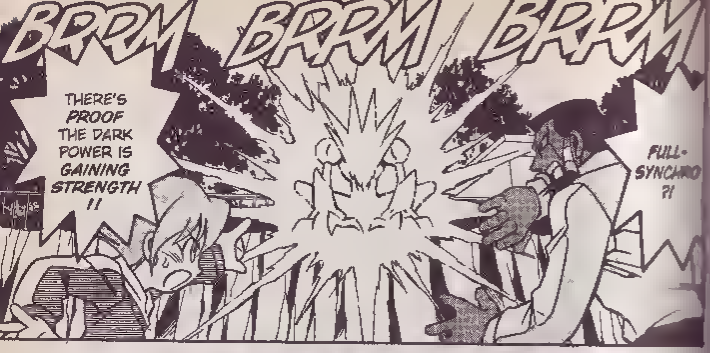

WHAT... DID YOU SAY...?


OH BOY, THAT CUTS IT...


WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS THE REST OF YOU STAY HERE
NOT ANYONE. YOU'LL ONLY HINDER ME

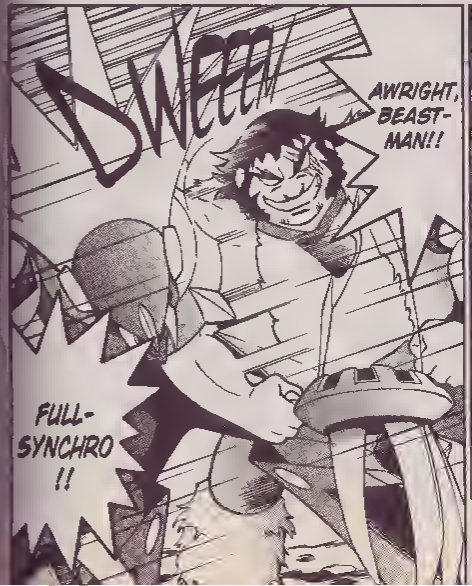

AHH!! THAT FACE!! SCARIER THAN RAOUL'S !!!
SAY WHAT ?!
YARGH !!
THUNDER-MAN!!

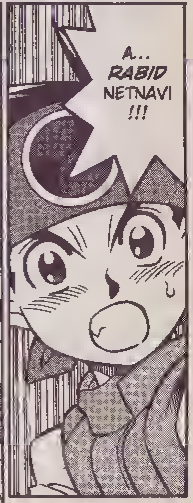

...T' WHACK ALLA YOUSE GUYS!!
...'CUZ I'M HERE...
WHO DAT?!
BY ORDER OF TH' QUARTET OF EVIL, YER DEAD MEAT!!!
TAKEO INUKAI, AT YER SERVICE !!


BRRM
BRRM
BRRM
THERE'S PROOF THE DARK POWER IS GAINING STRENGTH !!
FULL-SYNCHRO ?!

GRROW-RRR!!

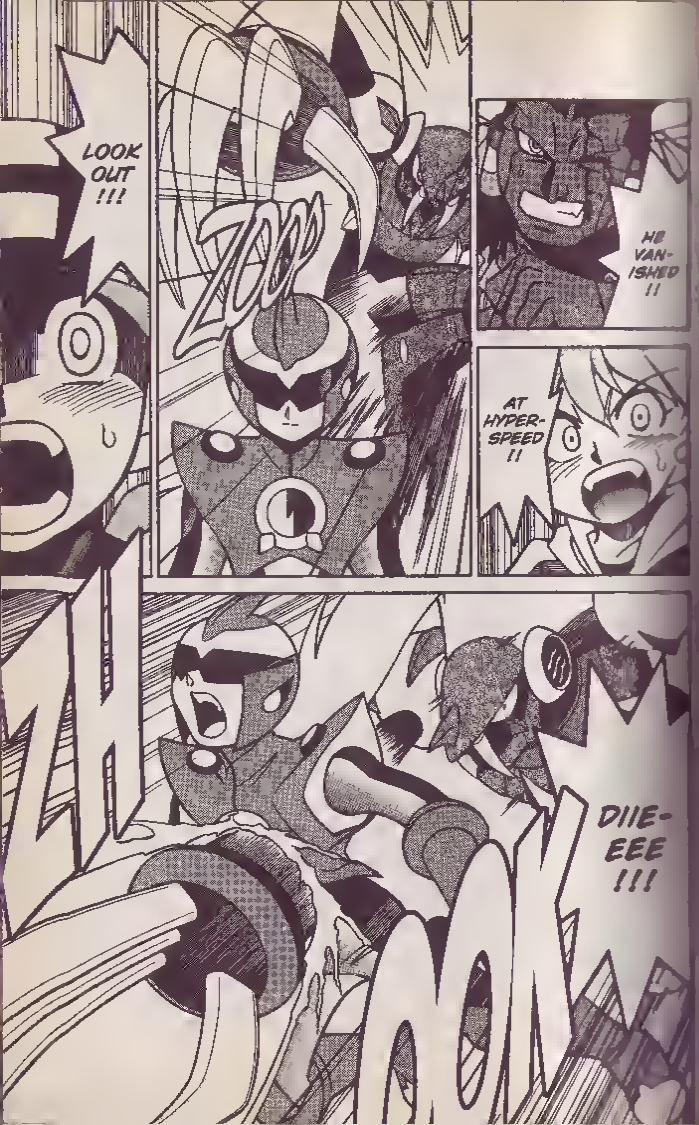
DON'T THINK SO!!
GET READY FOR
MEGA-MAN!
PERFECT-SYNCHRO !!
ZWACK
BEAST-RAY!!!

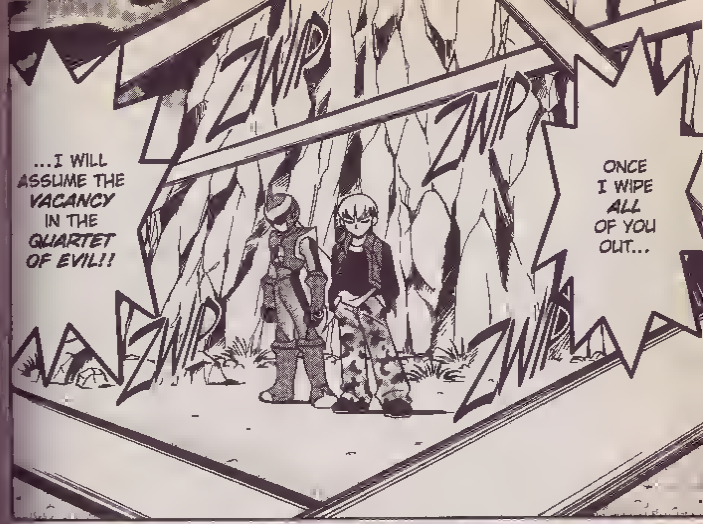

DWEEE!
AWRIGHT, BEAST-MAN!!
FULL-SYNCHRO !!

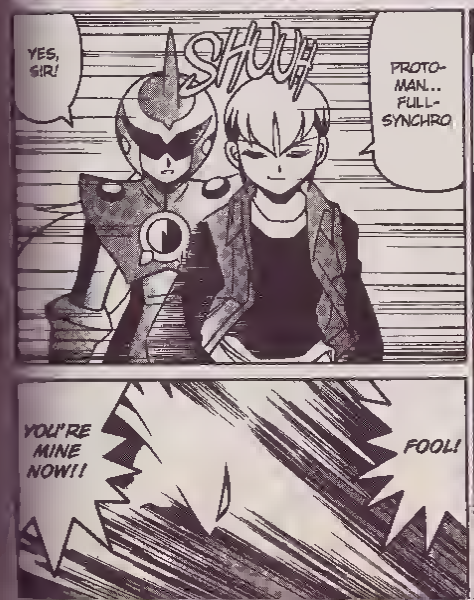

A... RABID NETNAVI !!!

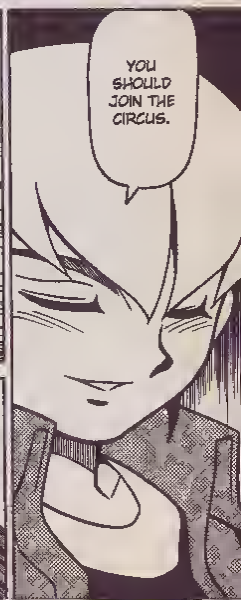
FRAME
HYAH !!
M-CANNON !!
FKOOM
... SHOULDN'T EVEN TRY!!
GRAAH!
WHOOSH
ZIP
THE LIKES OF YOU ...

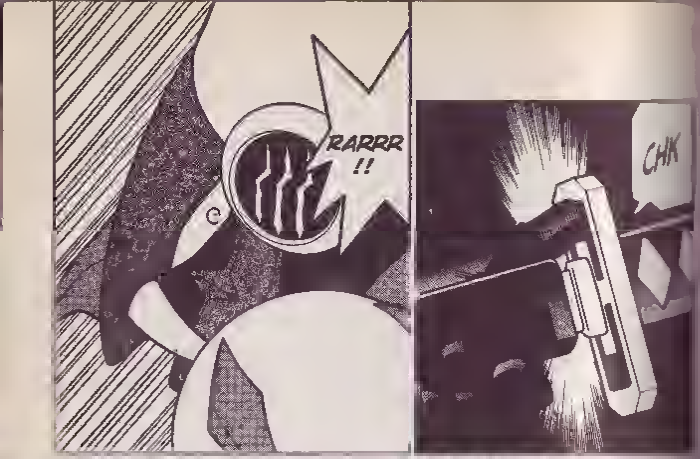
HNNNH ..HUUH ...
LAN!
AAA-GH!!!
BLAST !!
BZZ-BZZ-BZZWK
A HUMAN-TYPE NETNAVI IS NO MATCH FOR MY BEAST SPEED!
THUNDER-BOLT!!
KA-KA-KA

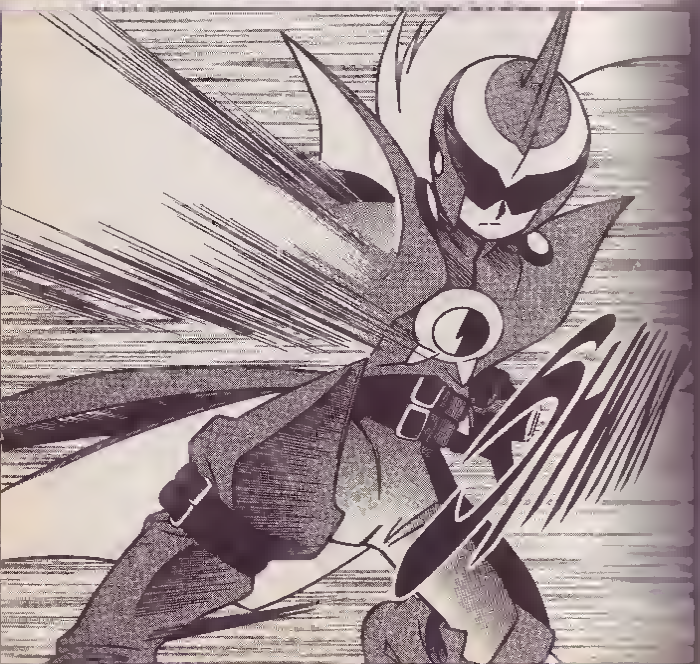

LOOK OUT !!!
ZOOM
HE VANISHED !!
AT HYPER-SPEED !!
ZOOM
DIIE-EEE !!!

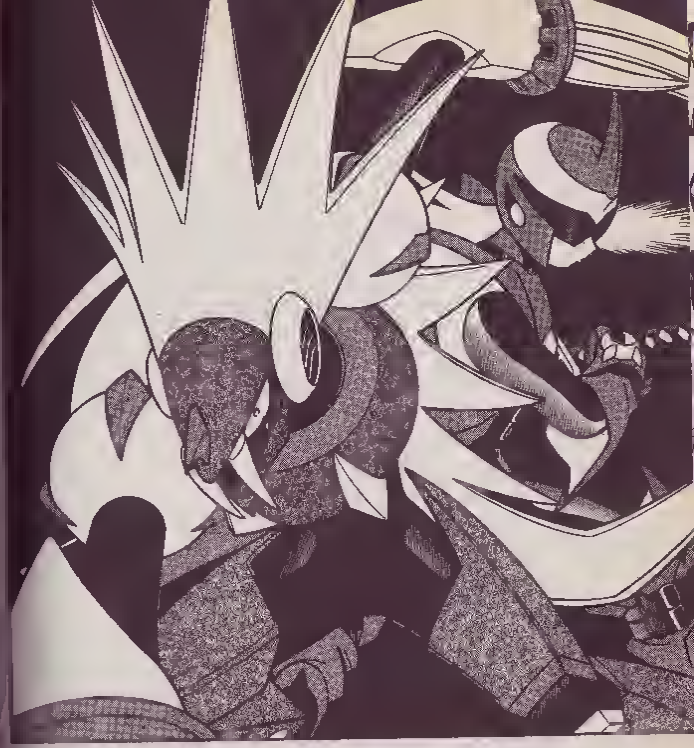

ZWP
ZWP
ZWP
ZWP
...I WILL ASSUME THE VACANCY IN THE QUARTET OF EVIL!!
ONCE I WIPE ALL OF YOU OUT...

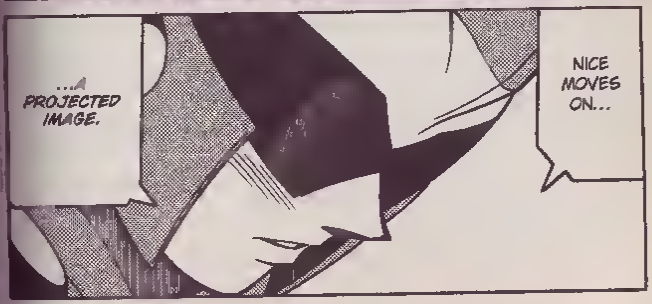

SHUU!
YES, SIR!
PROTO-MAN... FULL-SYNCHRO
YOU'RE MINE NOW!!
FOOL!

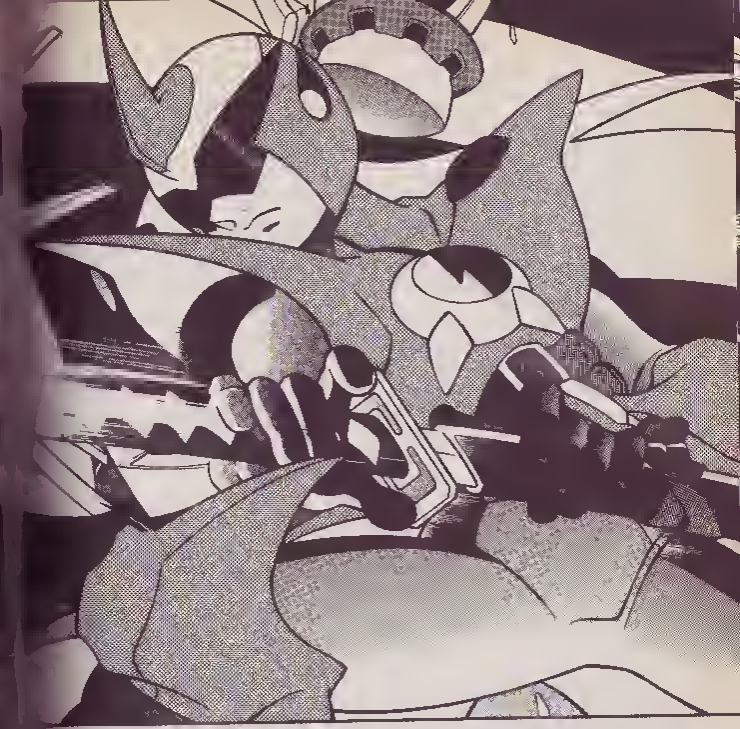

YOU SHOULD JOIN THE CIRCUS.


RARRR
!!
CHK

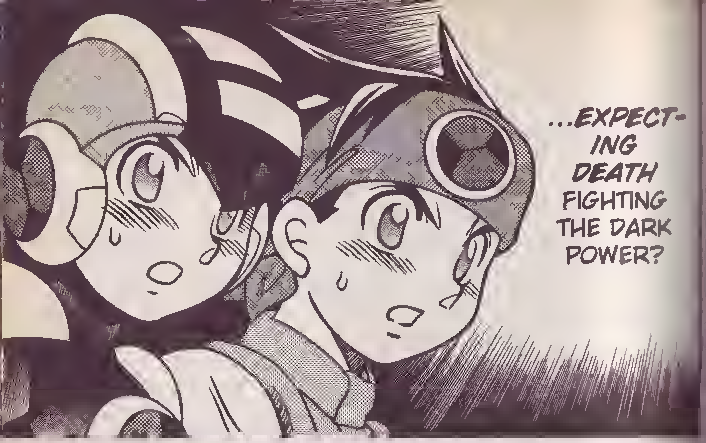


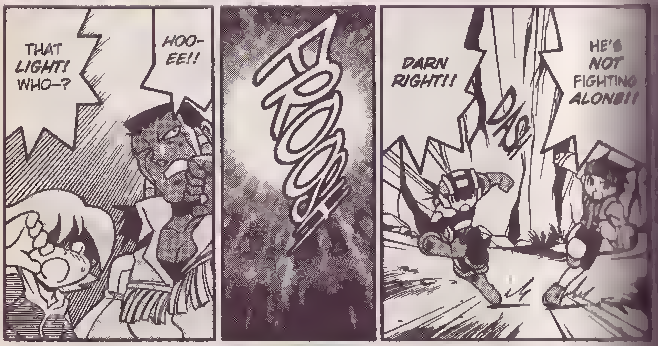



...A PROJECTED IMAGE.
NICE MOVES ON...

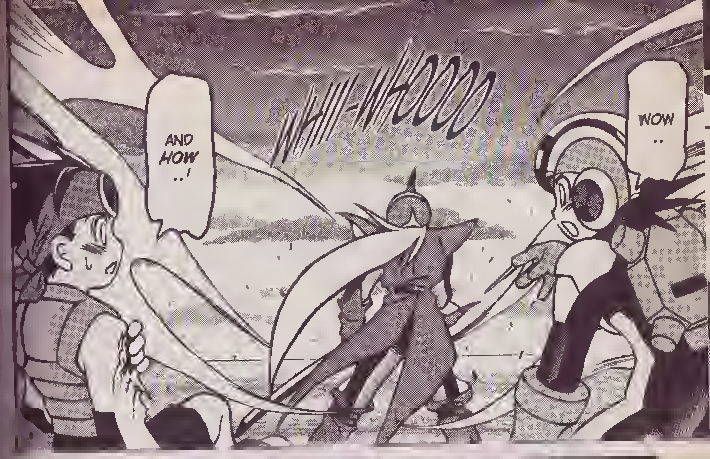


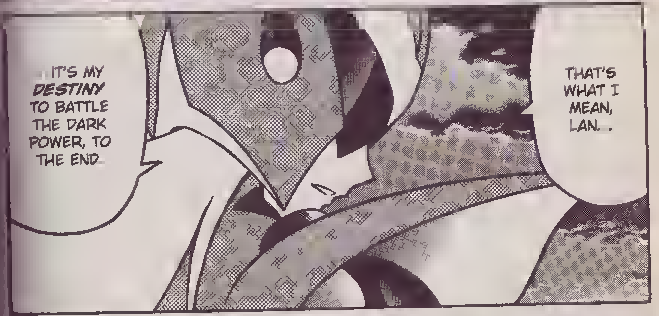
GUH... RUURR ...?
SHUH
SHUNK

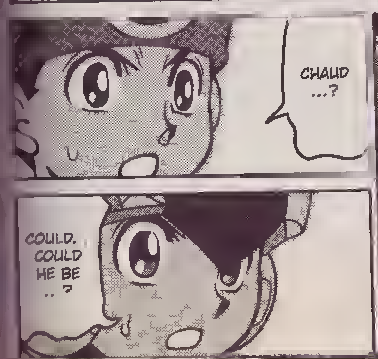

...EXPECTING DEATH FIGHTING THE DARK POWER?

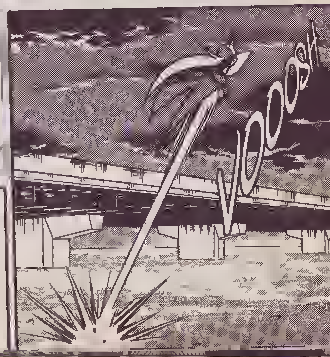

THAT LIGHT! WHO—?
HOO-EE!!
KOOG
DARN RIGHT!!
HE'S NOT FIGHTING ALONE!!

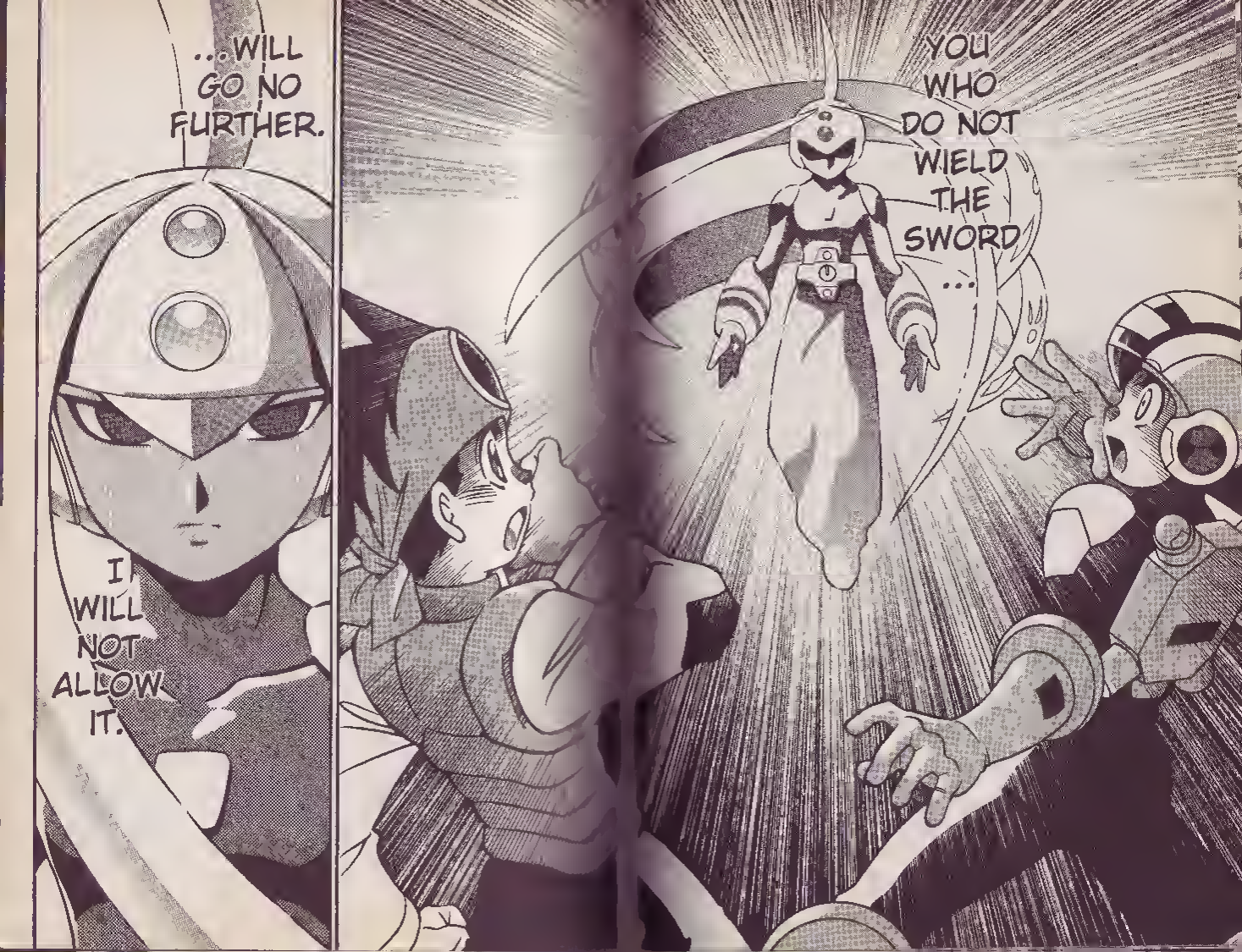
REEU
UM


WHII-WHOOOO
AND HOW..!
WOW..

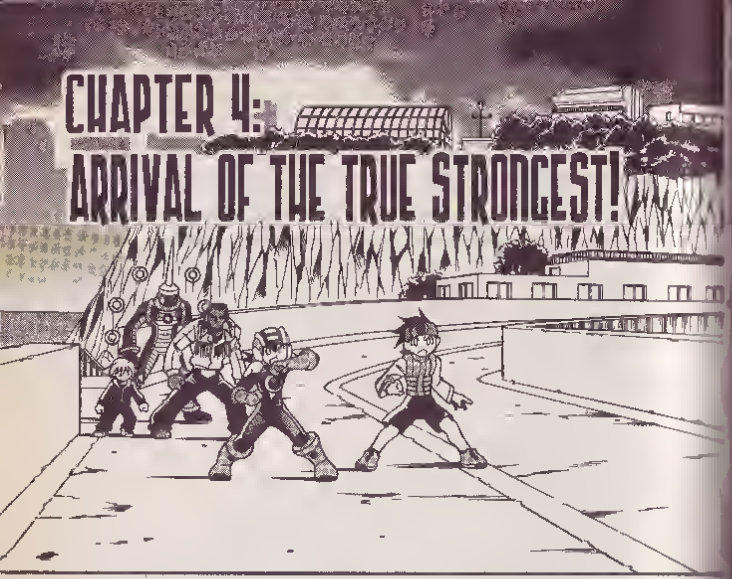

IT'S MY DESTINY TO BATTLE THE DARK POWER, TO THE END..
THAT'S WHAT I MEAN, LAN..

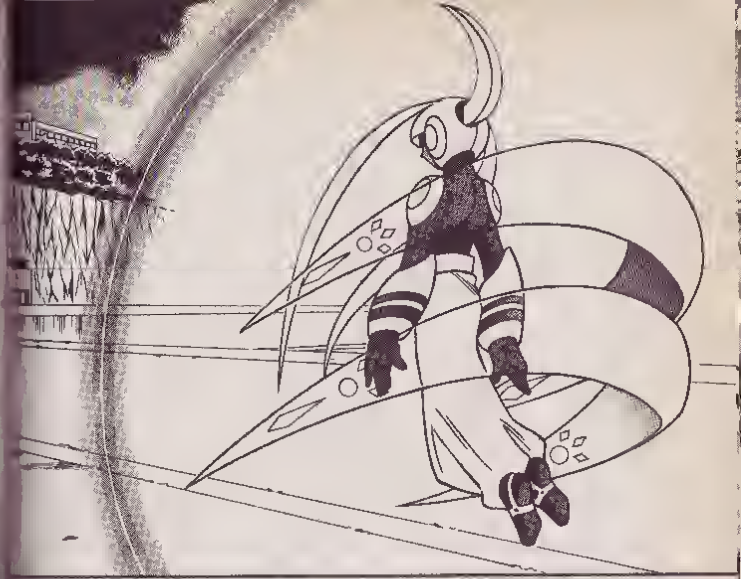

CHAUD ...?
COULD. COULD HE BE ..?

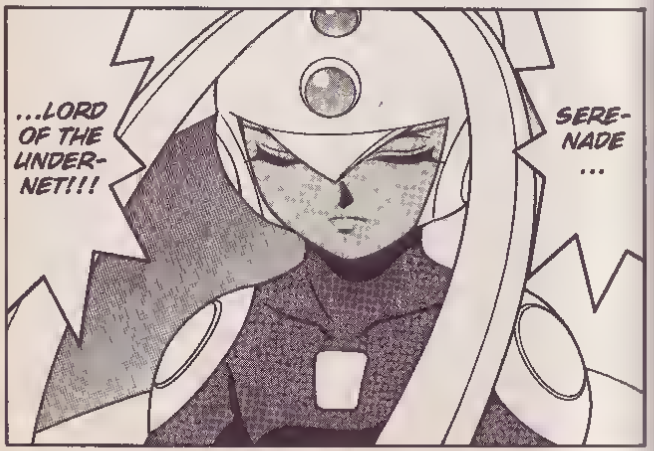

VOOOSH

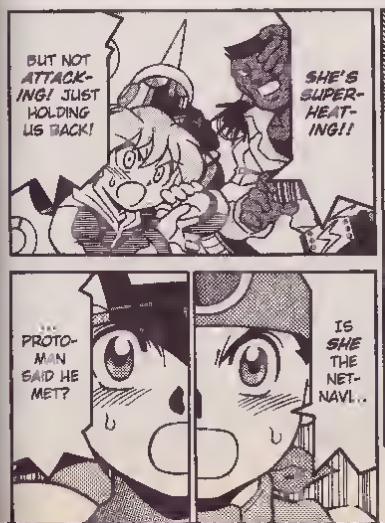

...WILL GO NO FURTHER.
I WILL NOT ALLOW IT.
YOU WHO DO NOT WIELD THE SWORD ...

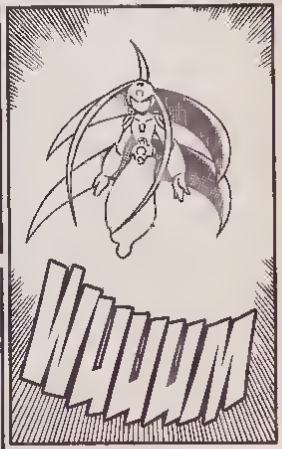
CHAPTER 4:
ARRIVAL OF THE TRUE STRONGEST!







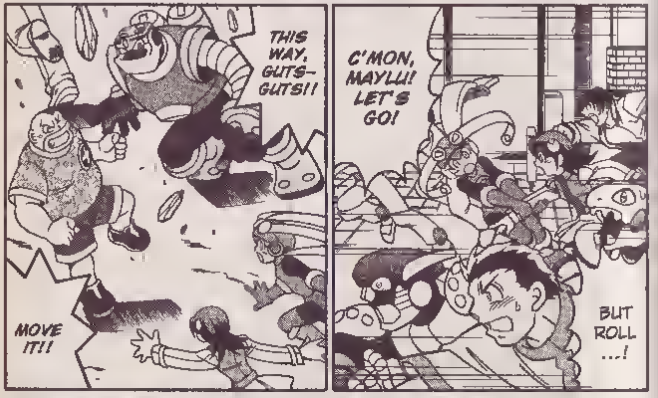


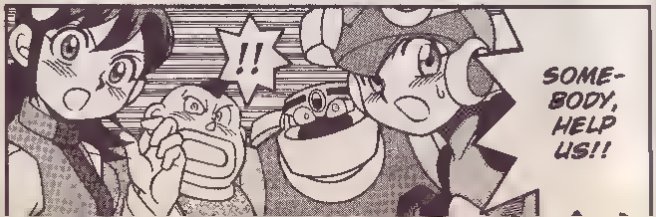


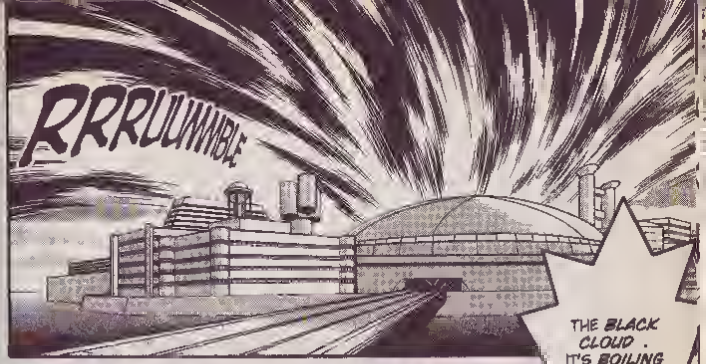
THERE IS NO POINT IN YOU GIVING YOUR LIVES IN VAIN.
. . TO A STAGE WHERE THOSE WITH INSUFFICIENT POWER MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO INTERVENE
THE SITUA-TION HAS NOW PRO-GRESSED ...
SHE THREW UP THAT HUGE BARRIER ...
...WITH A FLICK OF A FINGER!!

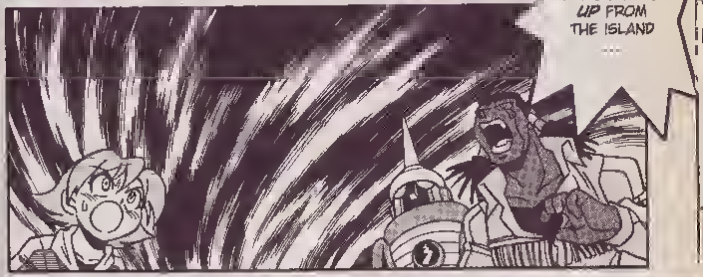
WE'VE GOTTA HELP PROTO-MAN!!
DON'T BLOCK THE WAY!!
YOU WILL LEAVE.
YAA-AAH !!

RRUUUMMBLE
SAAAVE US!!
HEE-EELP !!

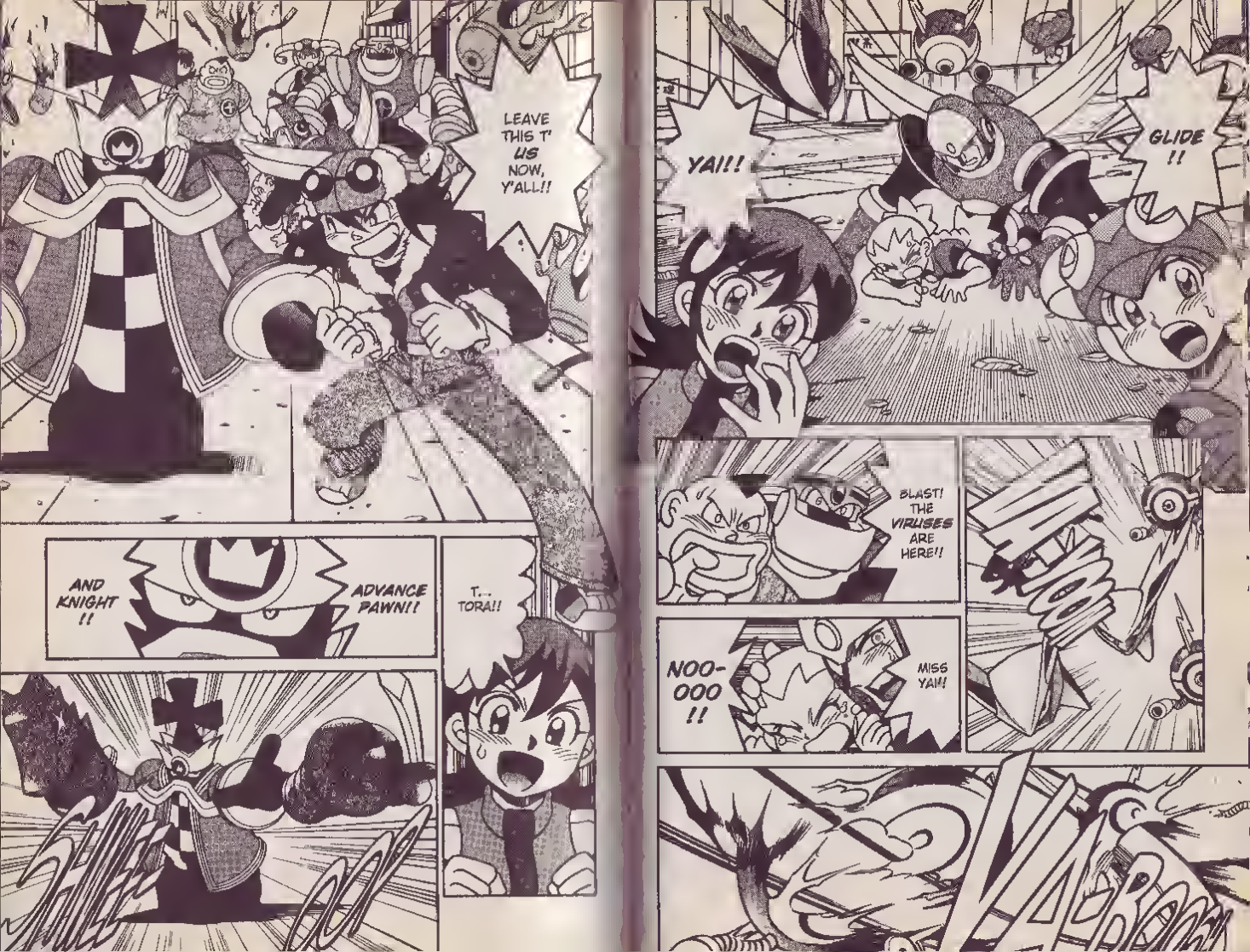

THIS WAY, GUTS-GUTS!!
MOVE IT!!
C'MON, MAYLU! LET'S GO!
BUT ROLL ...!

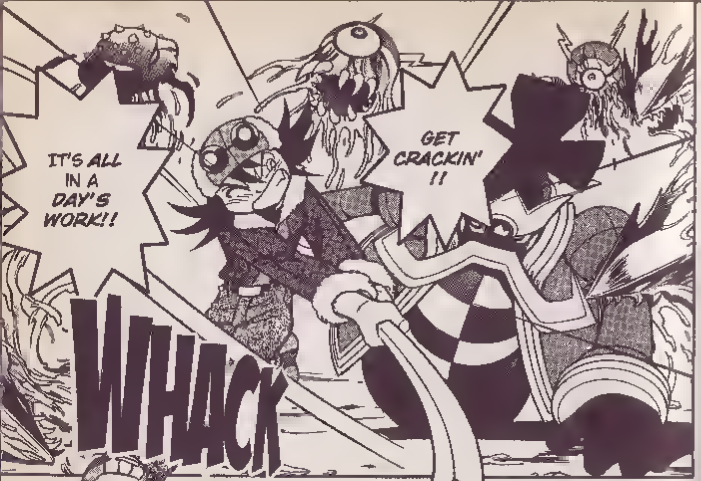

!!
SOME-BODY, HELP US!!


RRRUUUMBLE
THE BLACK CLOUD . IT'S BOILING UP FROM THE ISLAND ...

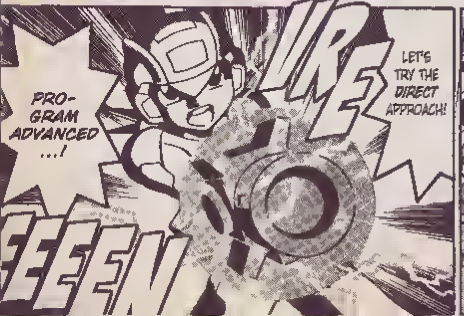


THAT'S SERIOUS DARK POWER !!!
...AND STREAM-ING TOWARDS THE CITY CENTER!!


LEAVE THIS T' US NOW, Y'ALL!!
AND KNIGHT !!
ADVANCE PAWN!!
T... TORA!!
YAI!!
GLIDE !!
BLAST! THE VIRUSES ARE HERE!!
NOO-OOO !!
MISS YAI!


IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK!!
GET CRACKIN' !!
WHACK

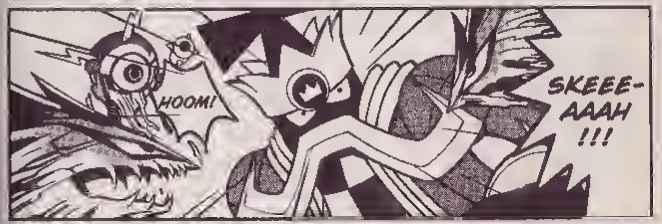
WE CAN'T STAND HERE DOING NOTHING !!

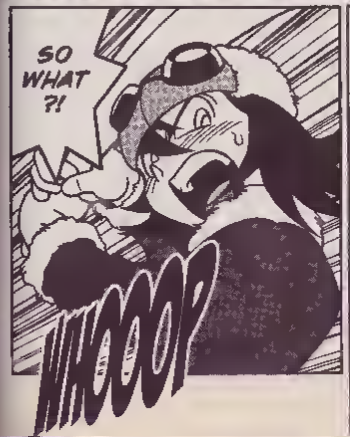

PRO-GRAM ADVANCED ...!
IKE
LET'S TRY THE DIRECT APPROACH!
EEEN

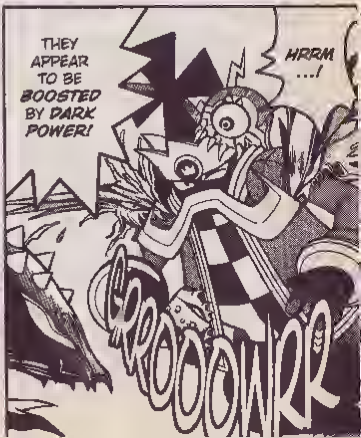
THERE'S GOTTA BE A WAY OVER THERE!!

SLASH

SLASH


HOOM!
SKEEE-AAAH !!!


SO WHAT ?!
WHOOOP

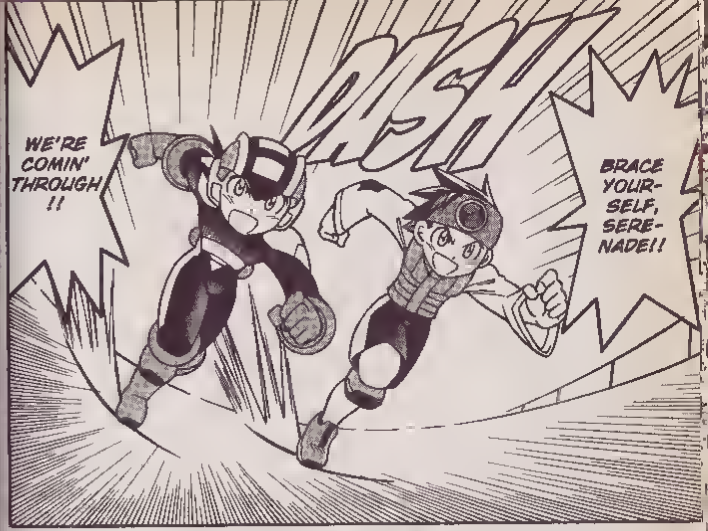

THEY APPEAR TO BE BOOSTED BY DARK POWER!
HRRM ...!
GROOOWRR

WHILE WE'RE STUCK HERE, PROTOMAN'S ALL ALONE...
SHE MAY BE RIGHT! WE'RE STILL BLOCKED!
HE MUST THINK WE'RE IDIOTS !!
LOOK!
THE BLACK CLOUD'S FLOWING AROUND THE BARRIER!
RUMM RUMM RUMM
EVEN THE DARK POWER CAN'T TOUCH IT!
RIGHT! SO CAN WE!
IF SERENADE CAN DO IT. .
...THERE'S ONE WAY TO KEEP THE DARK POWER AT BAY...!
SO...

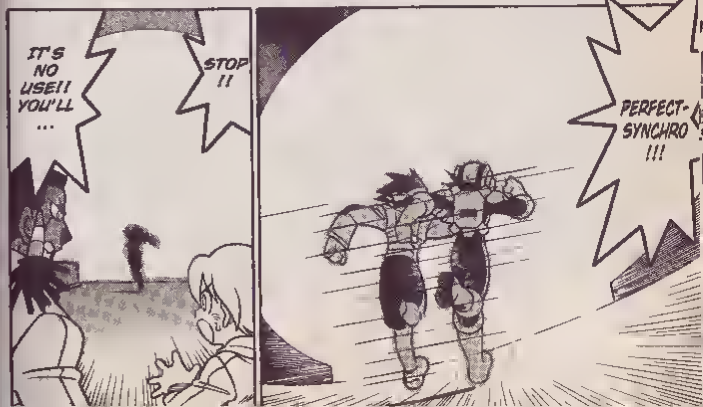
Z-CANNON !!!
BOOOM
NO GOOD !!
ACK!
...IT SEEMS I MUST TRY AGAIN TO MAKE YOU UNDER-STAND..
WELL, NOW. .
GLARE
OH, MUCH CLEARER!
YA GIT ME?!
YO JERK-OHS, STOP MESSIN' 'ROUND!

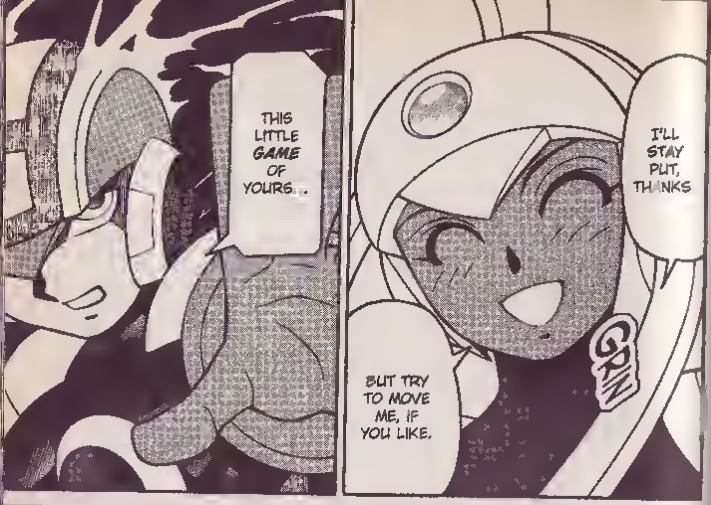
BRRZIT
NOW !!!
BRRZAT

HUH ?!
THEY TORE THROUGH !!
THAT'S ...
BRRZAT

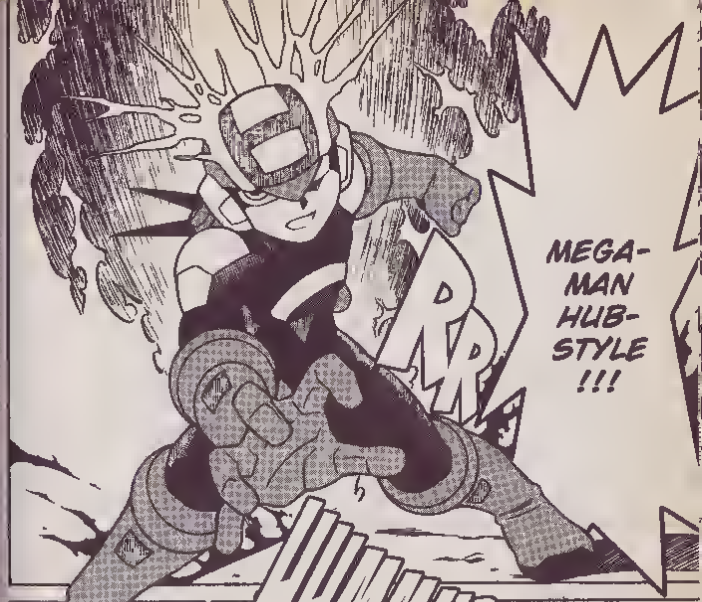

WE'RE COMIN' THROUGH !!
BRACE YOUR-SELF, SERE-NADE!!

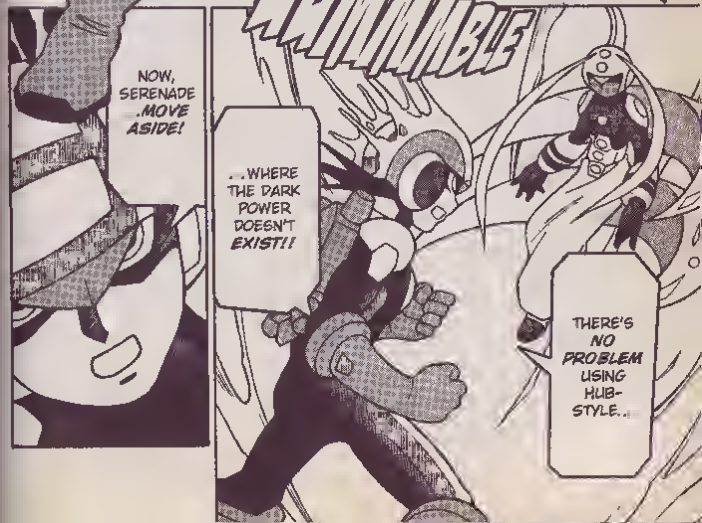
...SUCH STUBBORN CHILDREN...
SIGH
HO-HUM


IT'S NO USE!! YOU'LL ...
STOP !!
PERFECT-SYNCHRO !!!

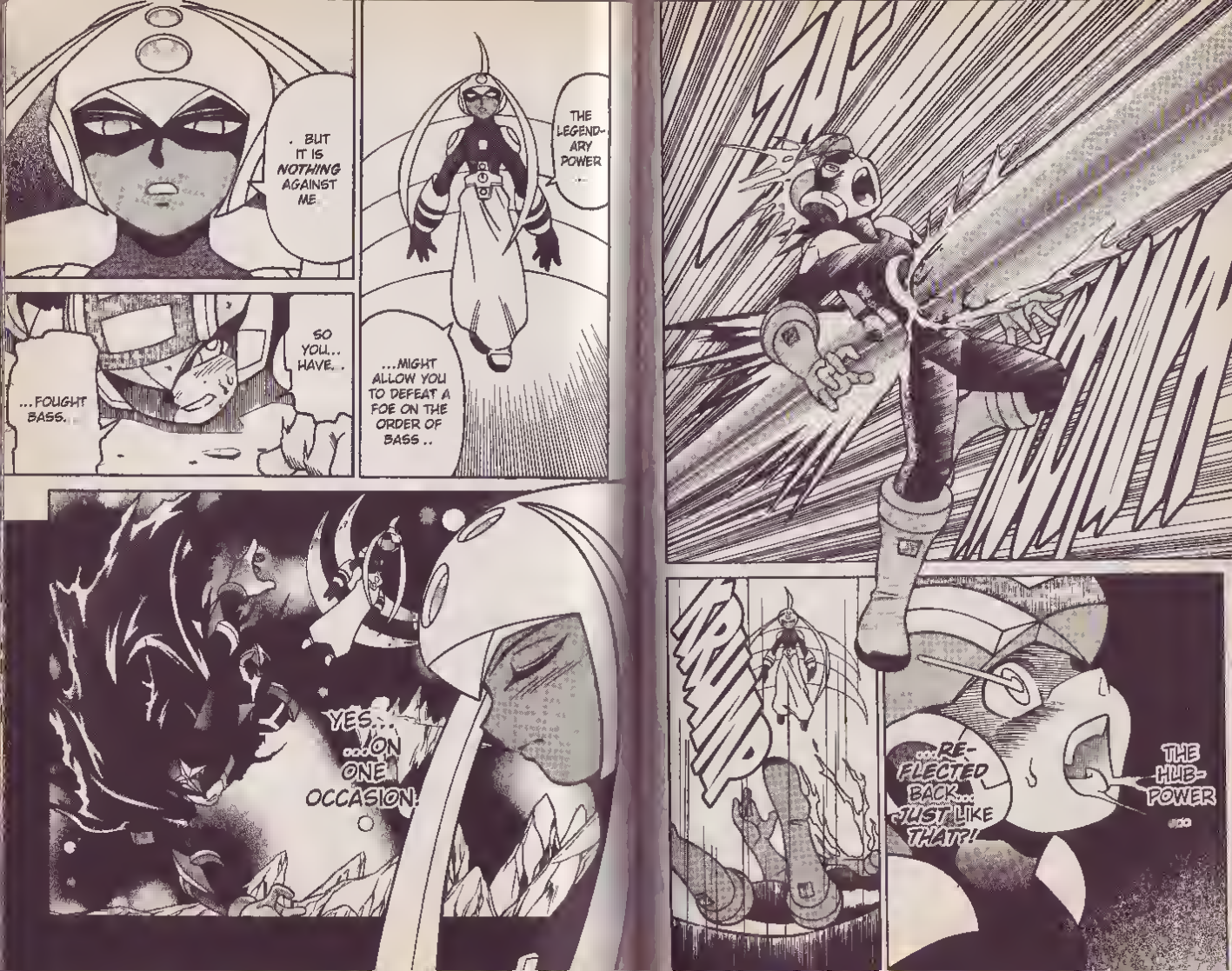

THIS LITTLE GAME OF YOURS...
I'LL STAY PUT, THANKS
BUT TRY TO MOVE ME, IF YOU LIKE.
GRIN

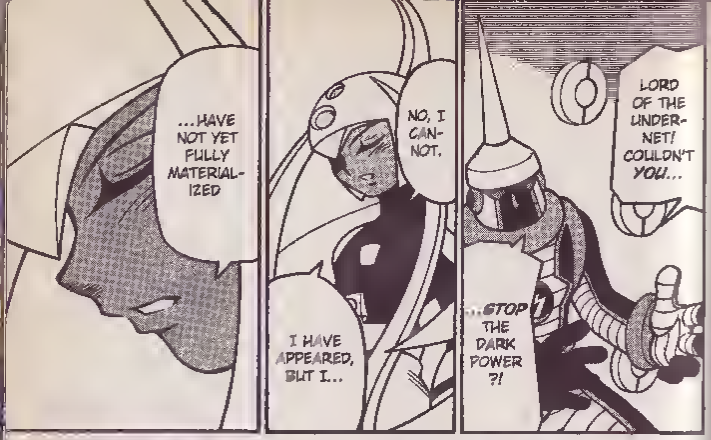
...IS OVER !!!!
FLOOOH!!


MEGA-MAN HUB-STYLE !!!
FRRR


NOW, SERENADE .MOVE ASIDE!
...WHERE THE DARK POWER DOESN'T EXIST!!
THERE'S NO PROBLEM USING HUB-STYLE..
UMMMBLE

Woooozzz
OMI-
GOSH
!!

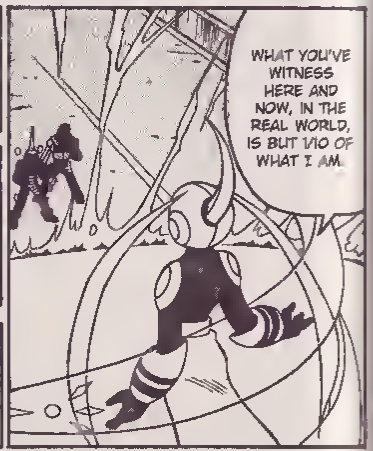

...BUT IT IS NOTHING AGAINST ME.
THE LEGEND-ARY POWER...
...FOUGHT BASS.
SO YOU... HAVE...
...MIGHT ALLOW YOU TO DEFEAT A FOE ON THE ORDER OF BASS..
YES... ...ON ONE OCCASION!
THUMP
...RE-FLECTED BACK... JUST LIKE THAT?!
THE HUB-POWER...


...HAVE NOT YET FULLY MATERIAL-IZED
NO, I CAN-NOT.
I HAVE APPEARED, BUT I...
LORD OF THE UNDER-NET! COULDN'T YOU...
...STOP THE DARK POWER ?!

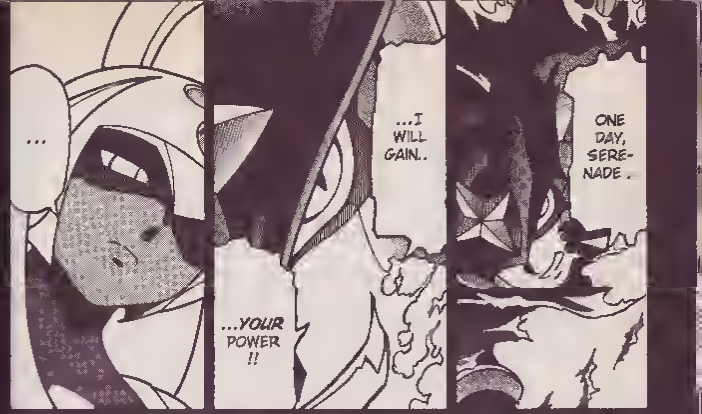
IMAGINE, A NETNAVI SO POWER-FUL...

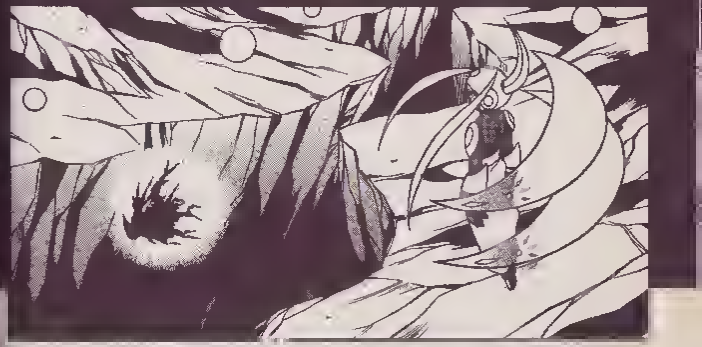
...THAT IT'S TAKING A LONG TIME TO UPLOAD...

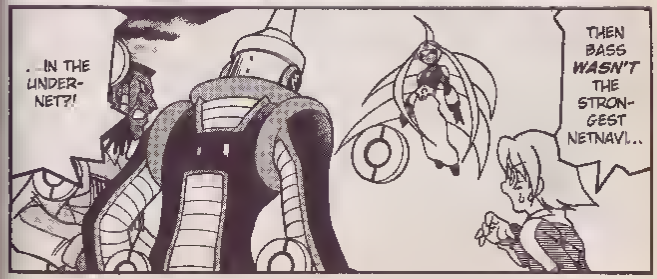
...INTO THE REAL WORLD!

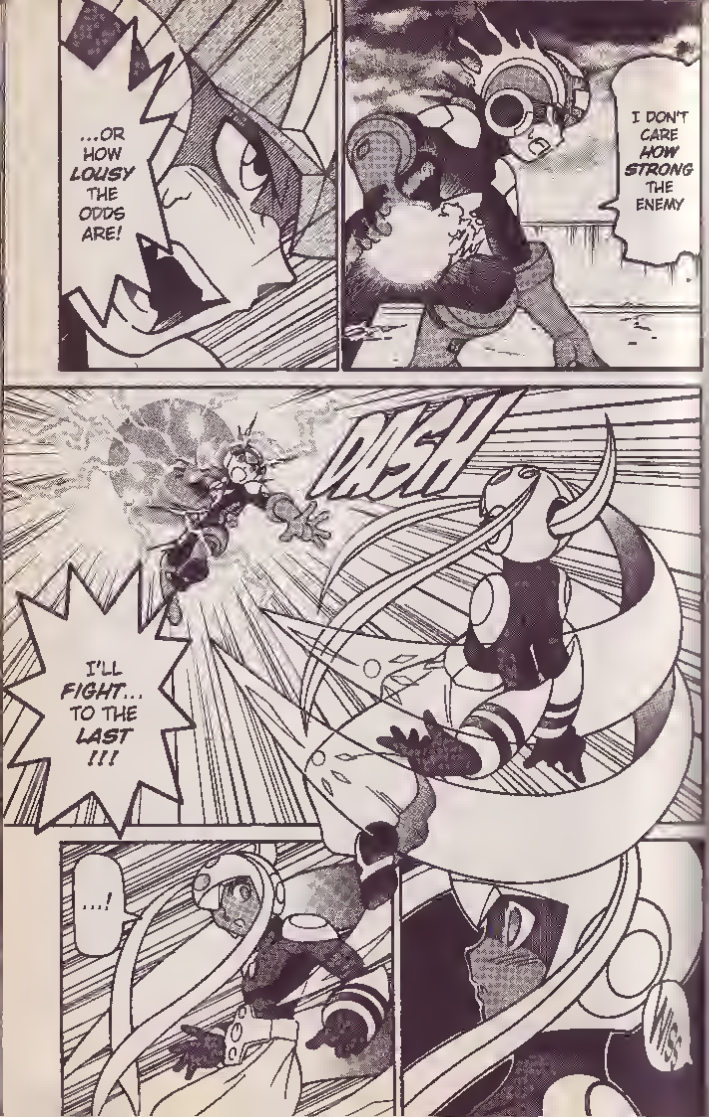

WHAT YOU'VE WITNESS HERE AND NOW, IN THE REAL WORLD, IS BUT VIO OF WHAT I AM.

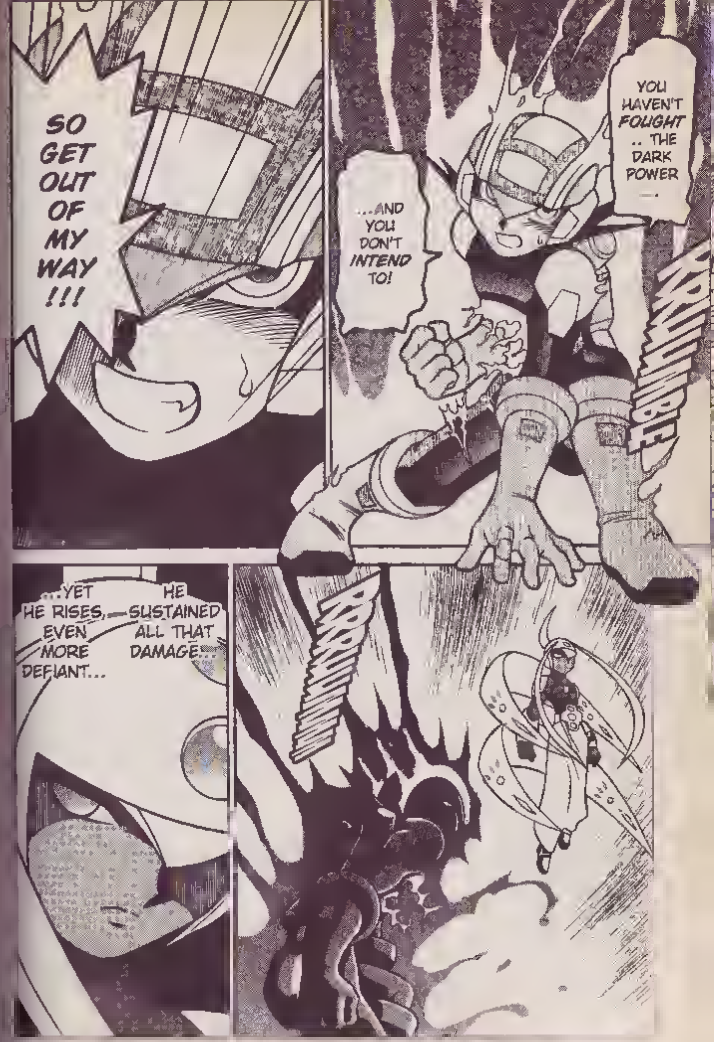
...DON'T GIVE US... THIS HOOEY!!
DON'T ...

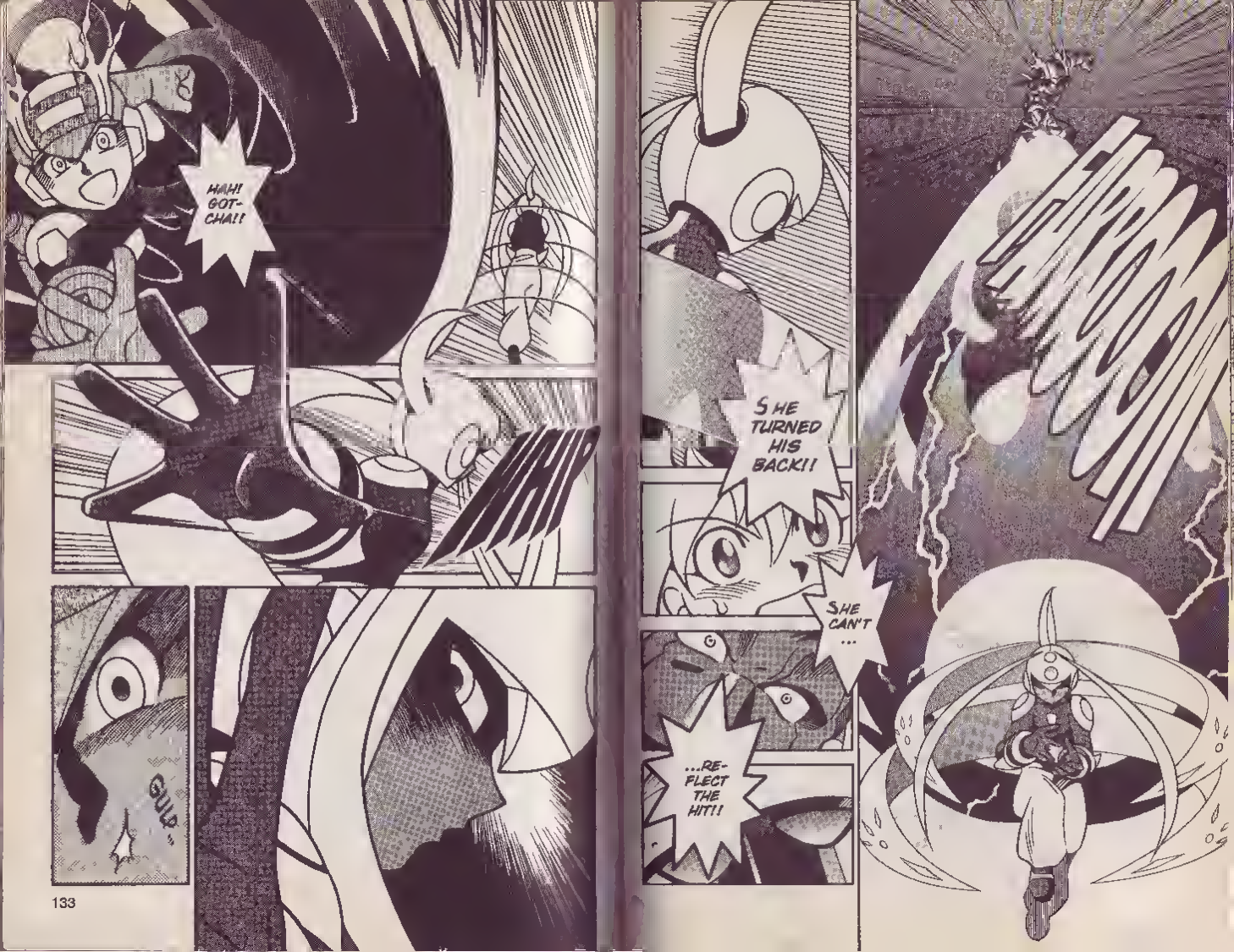

...
...YOUR POWER !!
...I WILL GAIN..
ONE DAY, SERE-NADE.



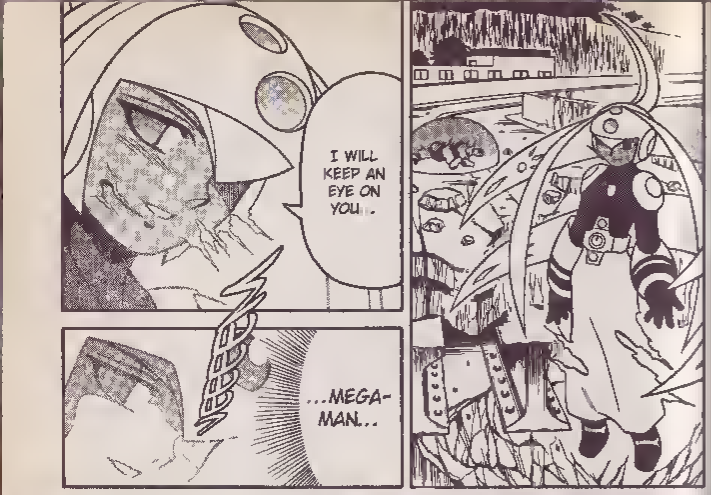

..IN THE UNDER-NET?!
THEN BASS WASN'T THE STRON-GEST NETNAVI..

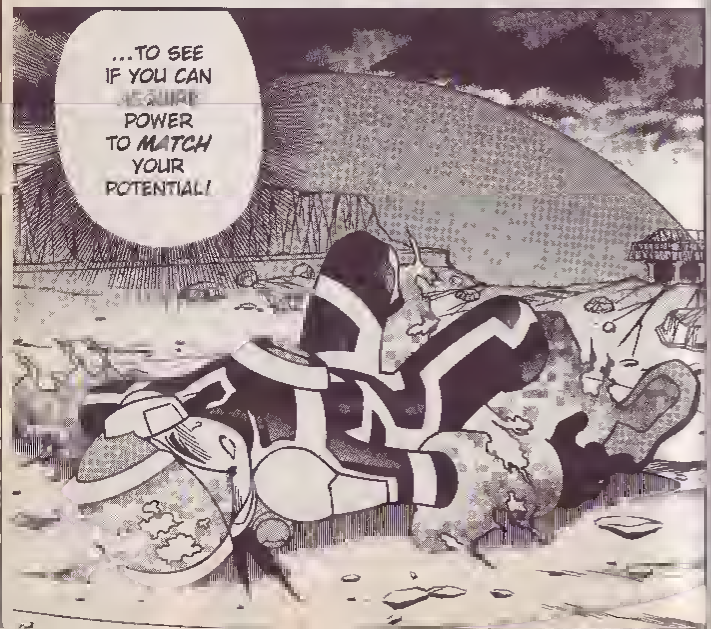

...OR HOW LOUSY THE ODDS ARE!
I DON'T CARE HOW STRONG THE ENEMY
DASH
I'LL FIGHT... TO THE LAST !!!
...!
WHOOSH

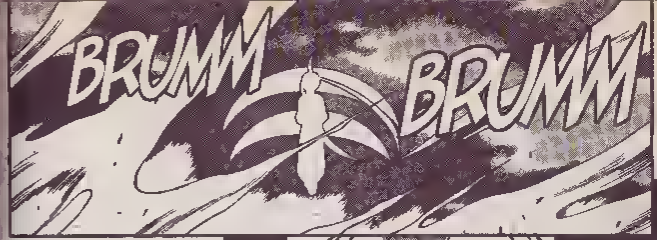

SO GET OUT OF MY WAY !!!
...AND YOU DON'T INTEND TO!
YOU HAVEN'T FOUGHT .. THE DARK POWER —.
KRRRR
...YET HE RISES, EVEN MORE DEFIANT...
HE SUSTAINED ALL THAT DAMAGE...
BRAM


HAH! GOT-CHA!!
WHIP
GULP...
SHE TURNED HIS BACK!!
SHE CAN'T ...
...RE-FLECT THE HIT!!
FOOO

AAA-
AAAH
!!!!

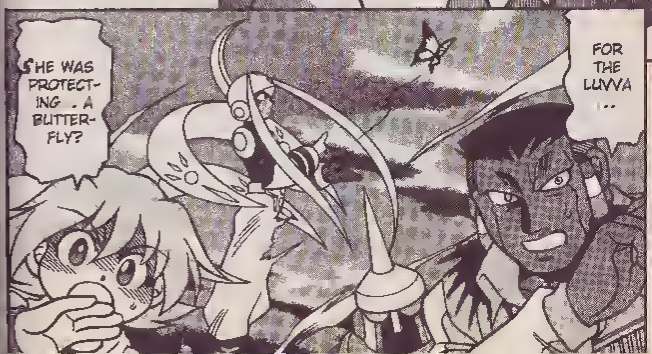

I WILL KEEP AN EYE ON YOU...
...MEGA-MAN...

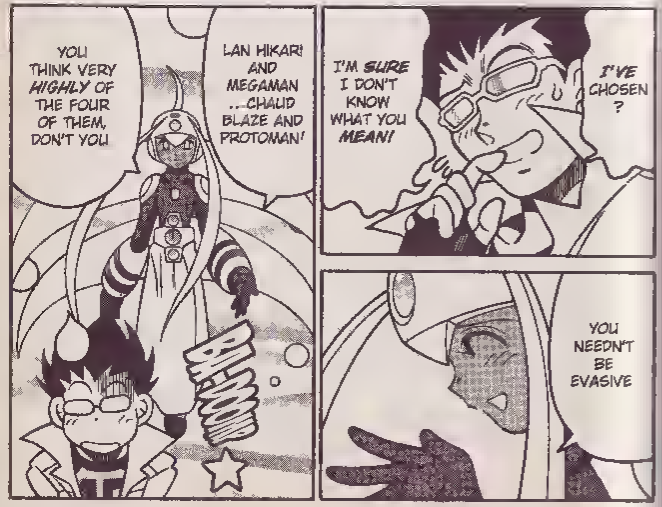

...TO SEE IF YOU CAN [illegible] POWER TO MATCH YOUR POTENTIAL!


BRUMM
BRUMM

SO DELICATE GO ON, NOW...

YOU WERE TRAPPED IN THE BARRIER, WEREN'T YOU.


SHE WAS PROTECTING A BUTTERFLY?
FOR THE LUVVA...


YOU THINK VERY HIGHLY OF THE FOUR OF THEM, DON'T YOU
LAN HIKARI AND MEGAMAN ...CHAUD BLAZE AND PROTOMAN!
I'M SURE I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!
I'VE CHOSEN ?
YOU NEEDN'T BE EVASIVE

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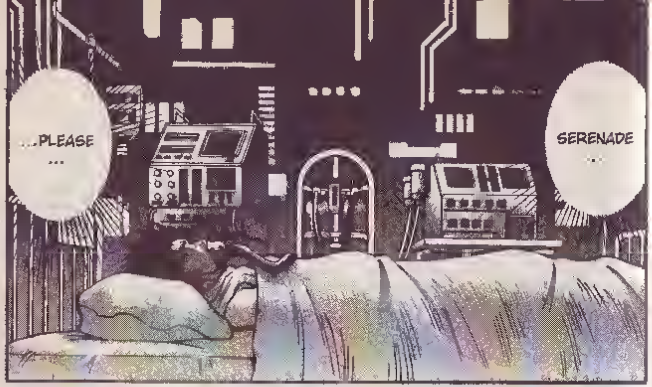
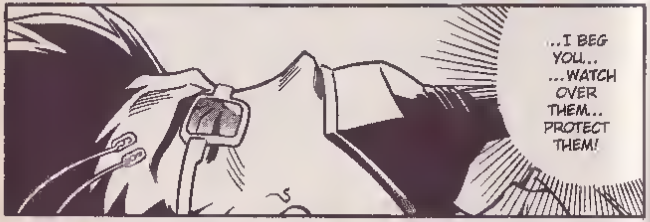
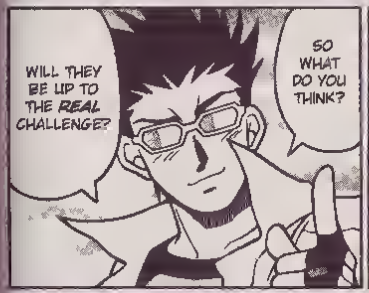
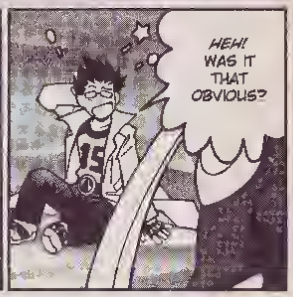

...PLEASE ...
SERENADE ..

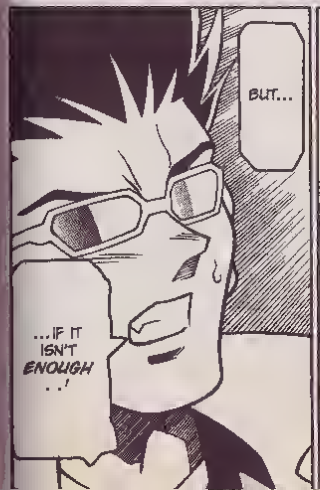

..I BEG YOU... ...WATCH OVER THEM.. PROTECT THEM!

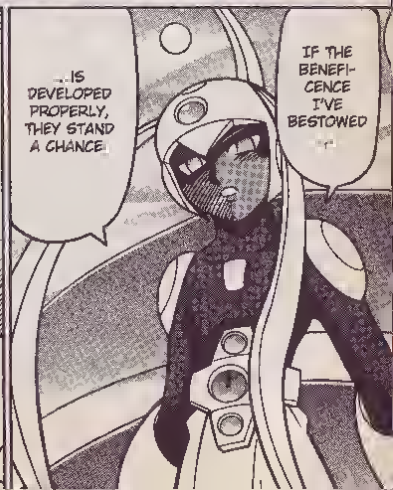
!!
RUMMMBLE

.YOU ENSURED THAT THEY WOULD BE ITCHING TO PROVE THEMSELVES WHEN THEY EVENTUALLY CROSSED MY PATH.
BY YOUR SEEMINGLY CLINICAL, DISPARAGING METHODS, .

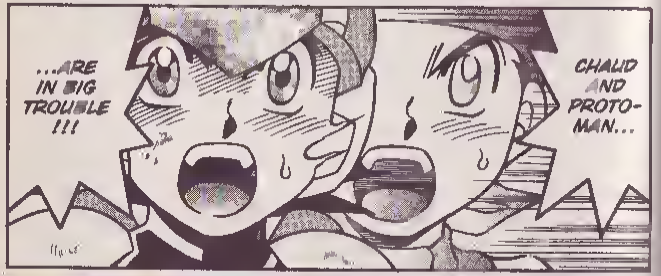

WILL THEY BE UP TO THE REAL CHALLENGE?
SO WHAT DO YOU THINK?


HEH! WAS IT THAT OBVIOUS?

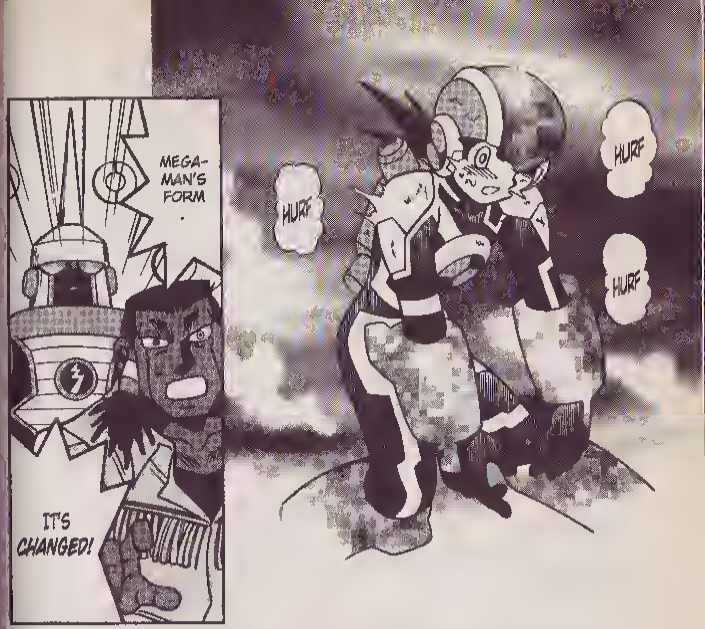

BUT...
...IF IT ISN'T ENOUGH ..!

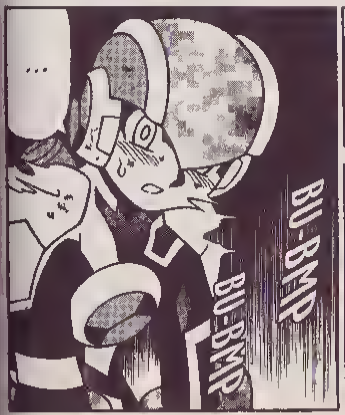

...IS DEVELOPED PROPERLY, THEY STAND A CHANCE.
IF THE BENEFICENCE I'VE BESTOWED

BURRRU
SOMETHING'S BREWING. SOMETHING DOWNRIGHT TERRIFYING!
SOMETHING DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT..
BU-BMP
BU-BMP
BU-BMP
...AND I DON'T MEAN INSIDE ME!
BU-BMP

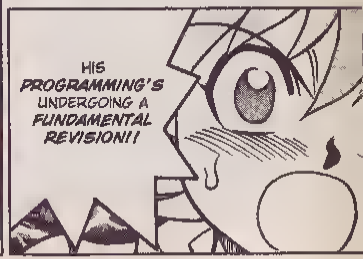

...ARE IN BIG TROUBLE!!!
CHALID AND PROTO-MAN...

WHAT NOW?!
FLASH

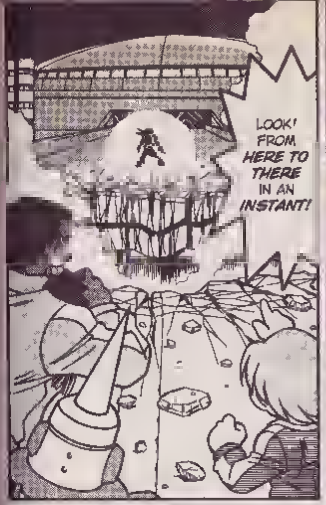

MEGA-MAN'S FORM.
IT'S CHANGED!
HURF
HURF
HURF


...
BU-BMP
BU-BMP

. NOT JUST HIS FORM!
NO..

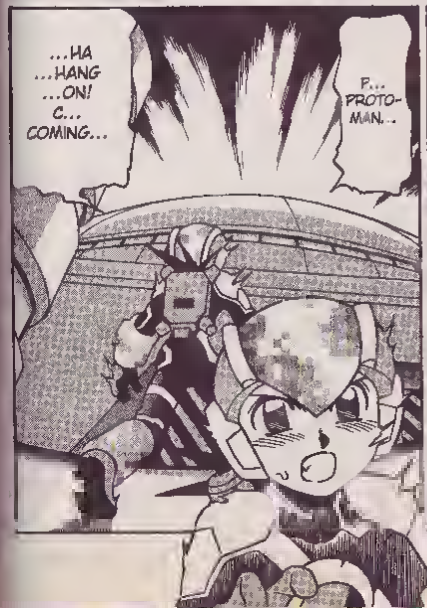

HIS PROGRAMMING'S UNDERGOING A FUNDAMENTAL REVISION!!

THIS IS IT! AT LAST...
...I'VE REACHED THE SOURCE OF THE DARK POWER !!!
WOOOO
DRO

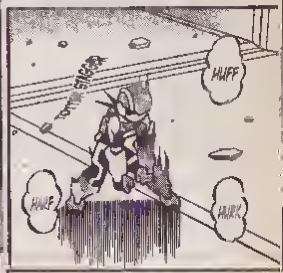

LOOK! FROM HERE TO THERE IN AN INSTANT!

FRRRAHZZ

!


...HA ...HANG ...ON! C... COMING...
P... PROTO-MAN..

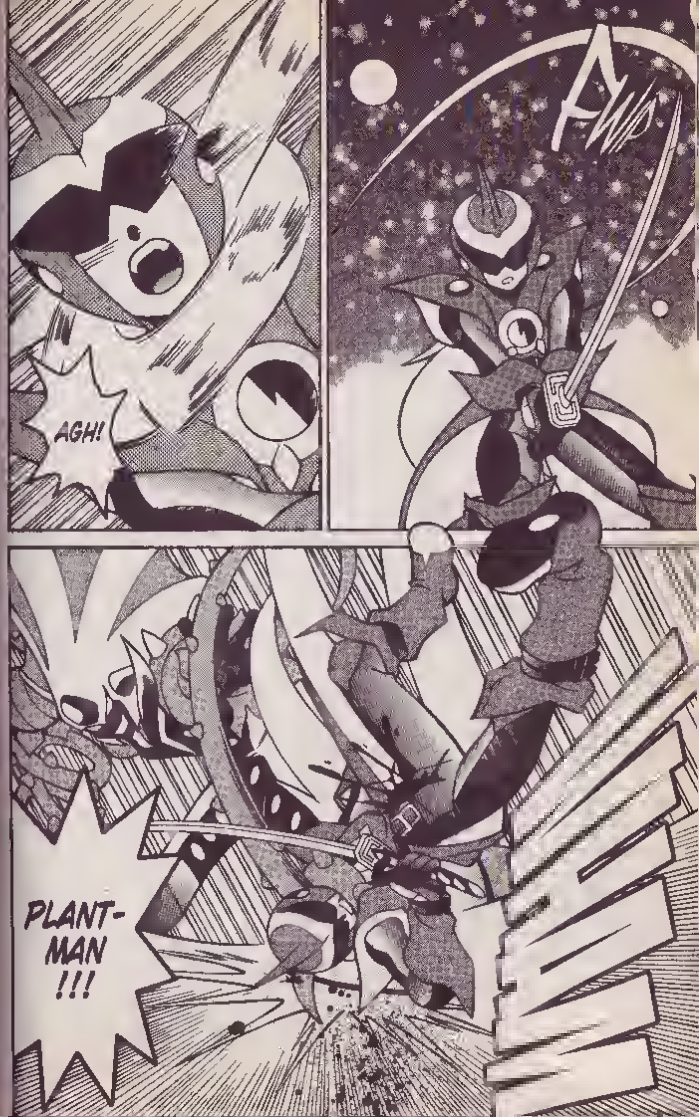
COME BACK! YOU'RE NOT READY!!


HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

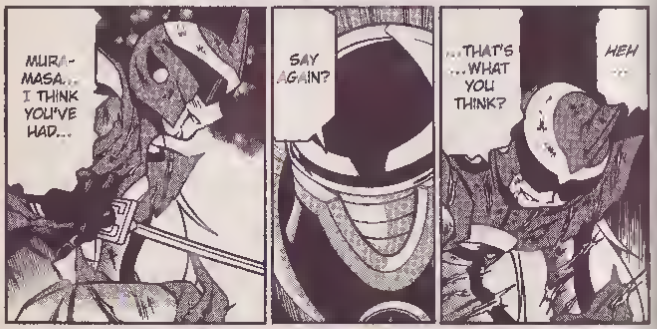
?!
INCRED-IBLE.. SPEED ....!
YOU THOUGHT YOU'D EVADED IT?
IM-POSSI-BLE!
...DARK-MAN!!!
I AM DARK QUARTET LORD...

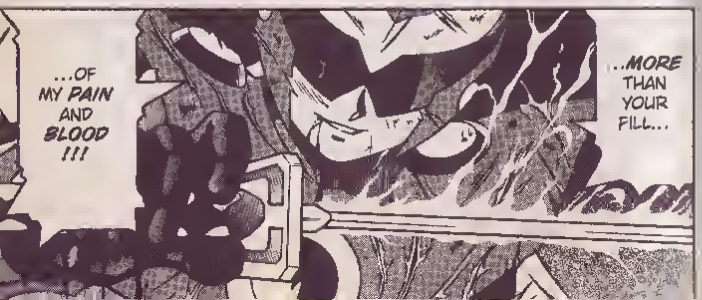
IT MUST BE DESTROYED !!
THIS IS ASTOUND-ING!!
THE SPACE OF THE CYBERNET ITSELF IS MATERIAL-IZING AROUND IT!!
SLOP
!!
THAT'S NOT AN OPTION.

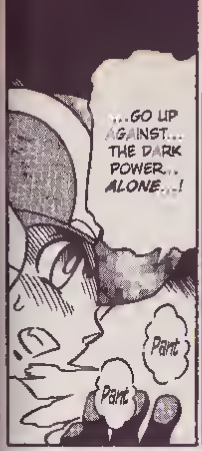
A HOLE IN SPACE ?!
BZZT BZZT BZZT
VOOM
DRILL-MAN !!!
VOOM


AGH!
AWP
PLANT-MAN !!!

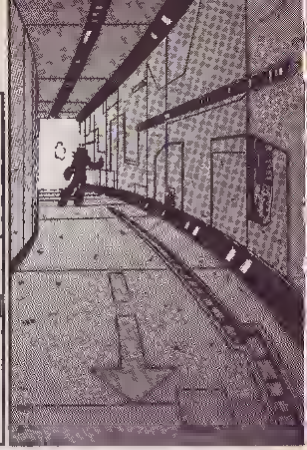
PUNY... HARDLY WORTH OUR TIME OR ATTENTION.
MUCH TOO WEAK

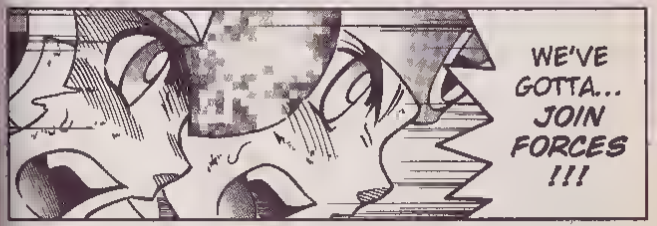

MURA-MASA... I THINK YOU'VE HAD...
SAY AGAIN?
...THAT'S ...WHAT YOU THINK?
HEH ...

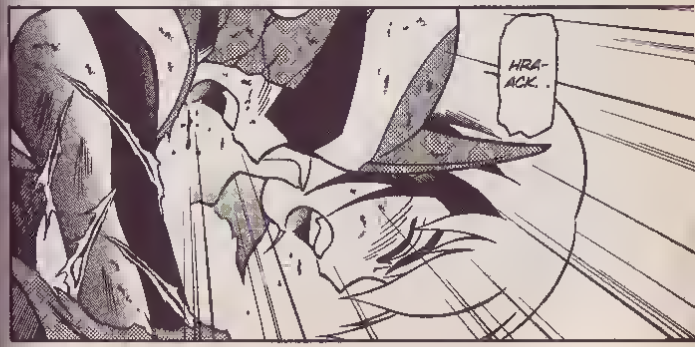

...OF MY PAIN AND BLOOD !!!
...MORE THAN YOUR FILL...


...GO UP AGAINST... THE DARK POWER... ALONE...!
Pant
Pant

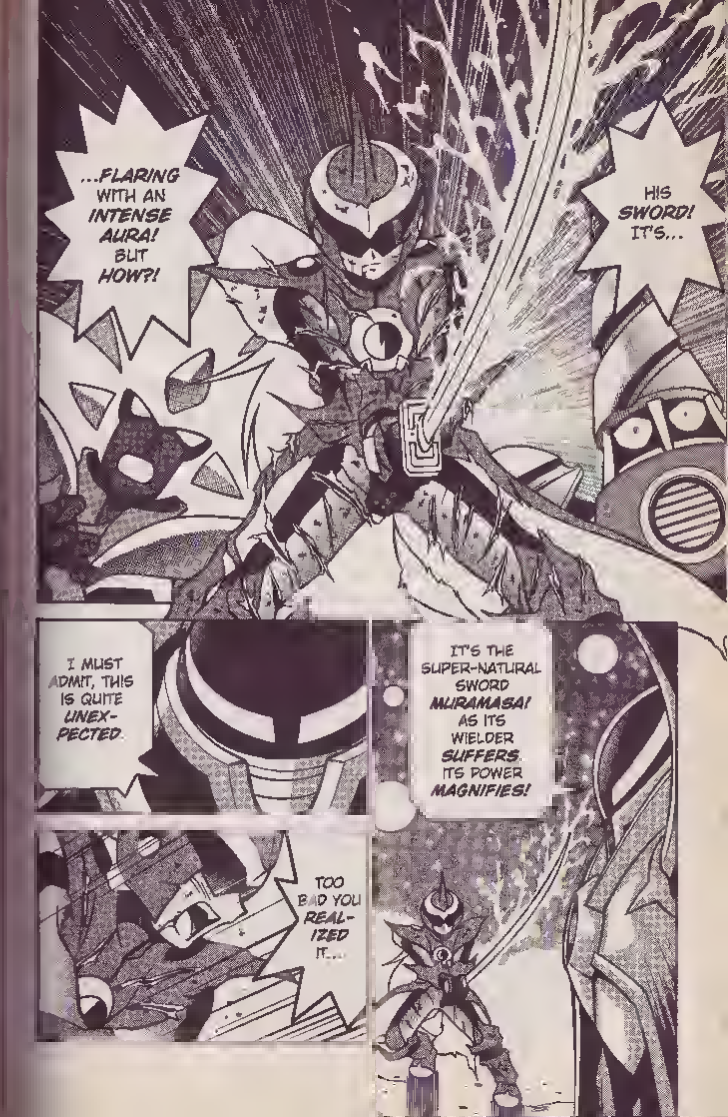
Pant
Pant
PROTO-MAN..
... DON'T ...

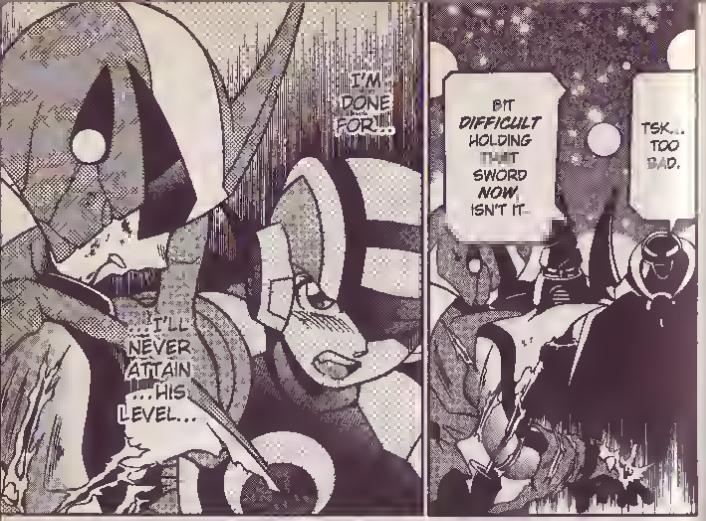


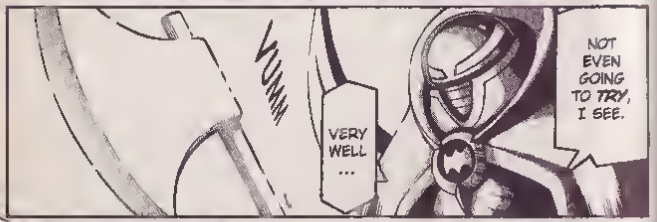

WE'VE GOTTA... JOIN FORCES !!!

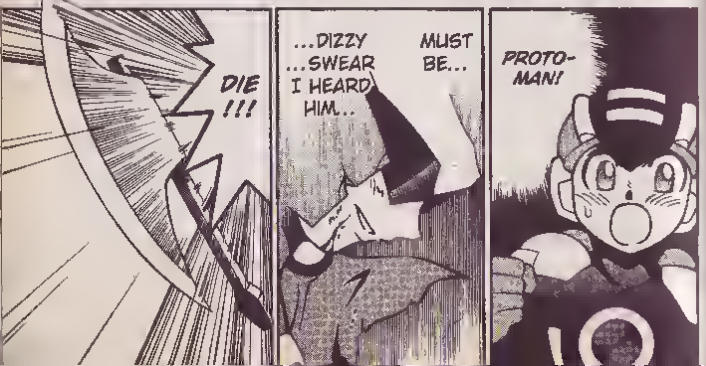

HRA-ACK..

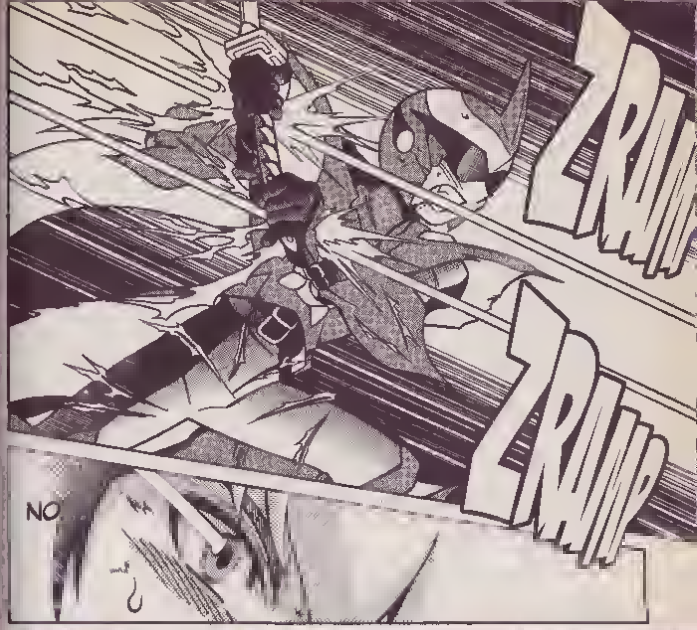
VROOM
...TOO LATE !!!
WASH
!!
BOOOOM

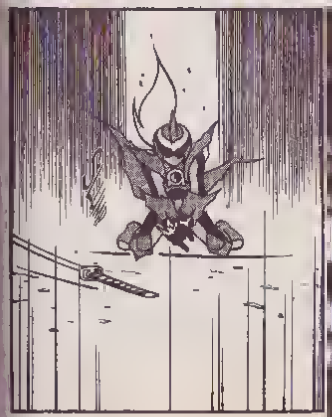

...FLARING WITH AN INTENSE AURA! BUT HOW?!
HIS SWORD! IT'S...
I MUST ADMIT, THIS IS QUITE UNEXPECTED.
TOO BAD YOU REALIZED IT...
IT'S THE SUPER-NATURAL SWORD MURAMASA! AS ITS WIELDER SUFFERS, ITS POWER MAGNIFIES!

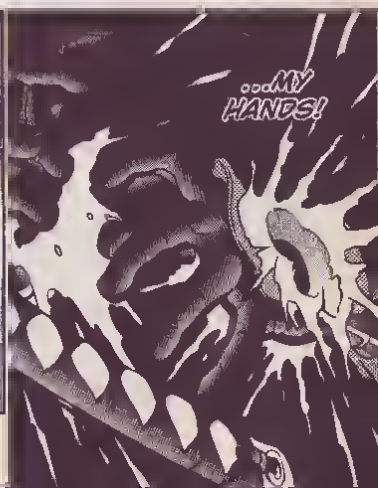

I'M DONE FOR...
...I'LL NEVER ATTAIN ...HIS LEVEL...
BIT DIFFICULT HOLDING THAT SWORD NOW, ISN'T IT.
TSK... TOO BAD.


VUNNN
VERY WELL ...
NOT EVEN GOING TO TRY, I SEE.

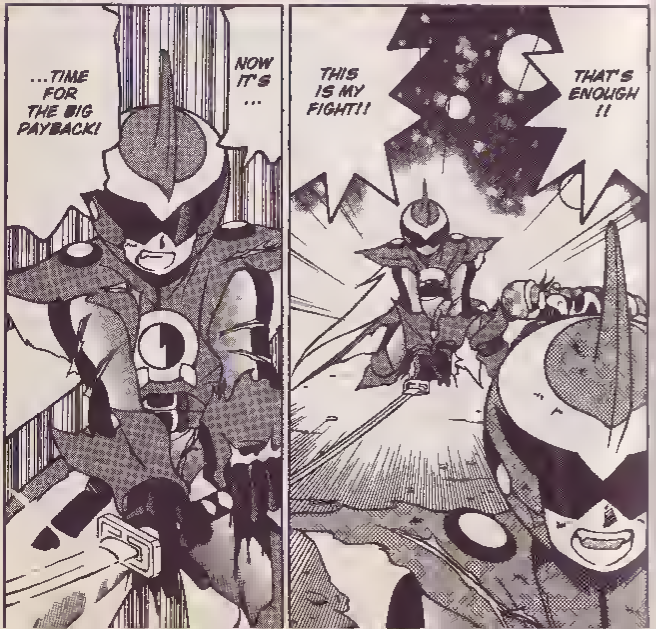

DIE !!!
...DIZZY SPELL... I SWEAR I HEARD HIM...
MUST BE...
PROTO-MAN!

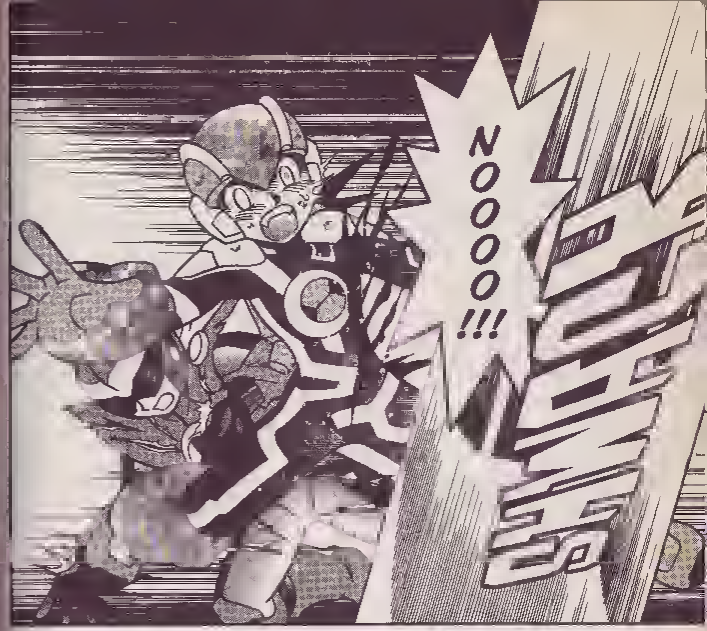

ZRAAP
ZRAAP
NO



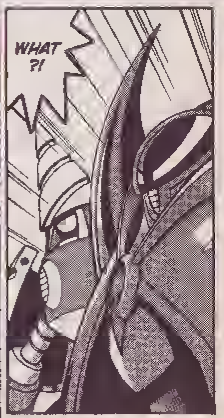

...MY HANDS!

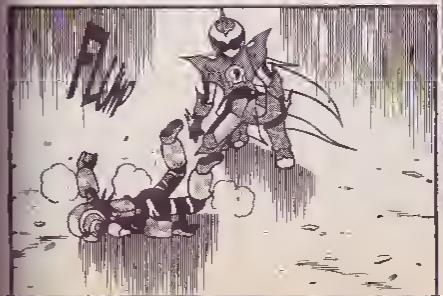
...!
...I'SEE YOU... TOO...
GUH... GOOD ...
YOU... SHOULDN'T BE HERE ...!
PANT
PUFF

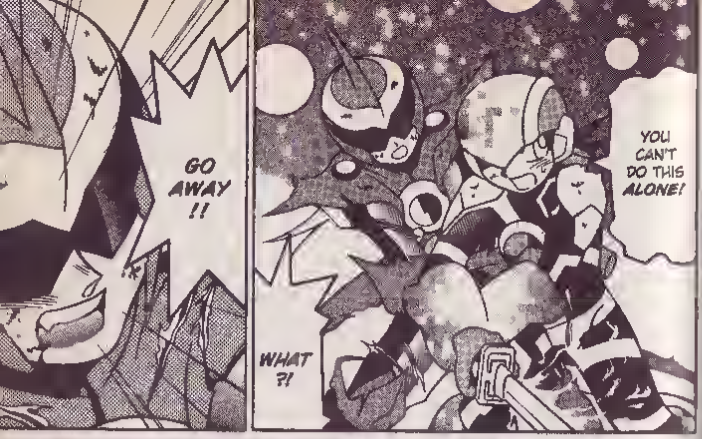

...TIME FOR THE BIG PAYBACK!
NOW IT'S ...
THIS IS MY FIGHT!!
THAT'S ENOUGH !!

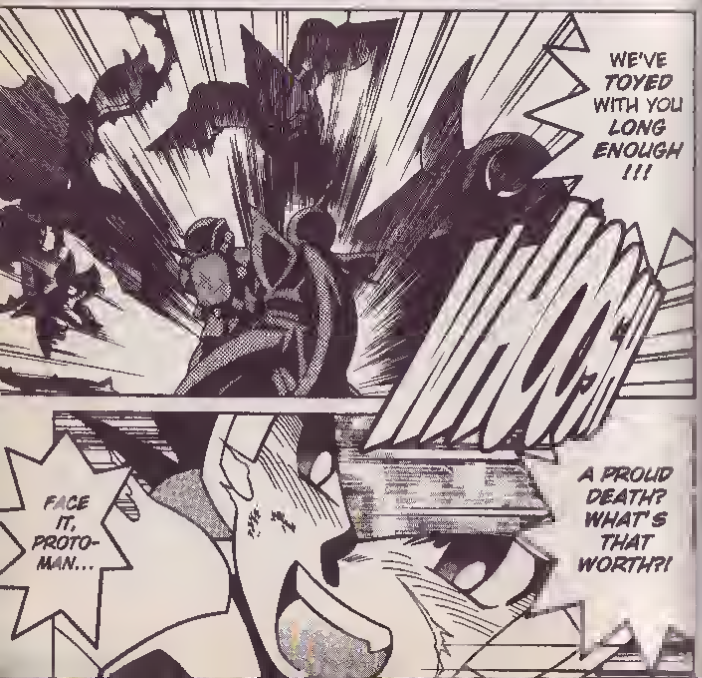

NOOOO!!!

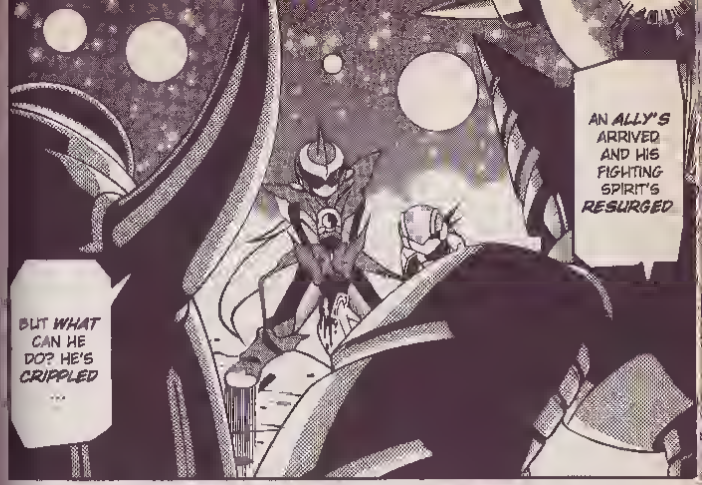
...MEGA-MAN?!
MEG ...


WHAT ?!


PUMP

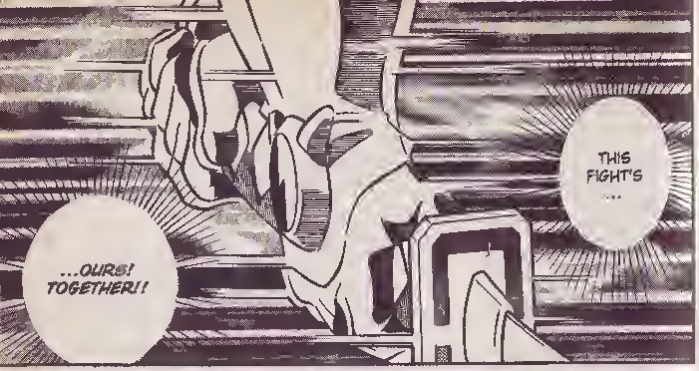

GO AWAY !!
YOU CAN'T DO THIS ALONE!
WHAT ?!


WE'VE TOYED WITH YOU LONG ENOUGH !!!
FACE IT, PROTO-MAN...
A PROUD DEATH? WHAT'S THAT WORTH?!

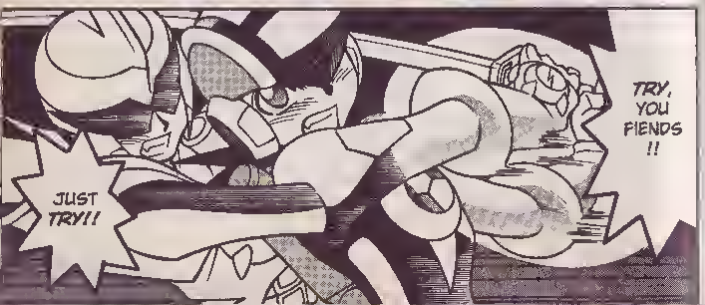

AN ALLY'S ARRIVED AND HIS FIGHTING SPIRIT'S RESURGED
BUT WHAT CAN HE DO? HE'S CRIPPLED ...

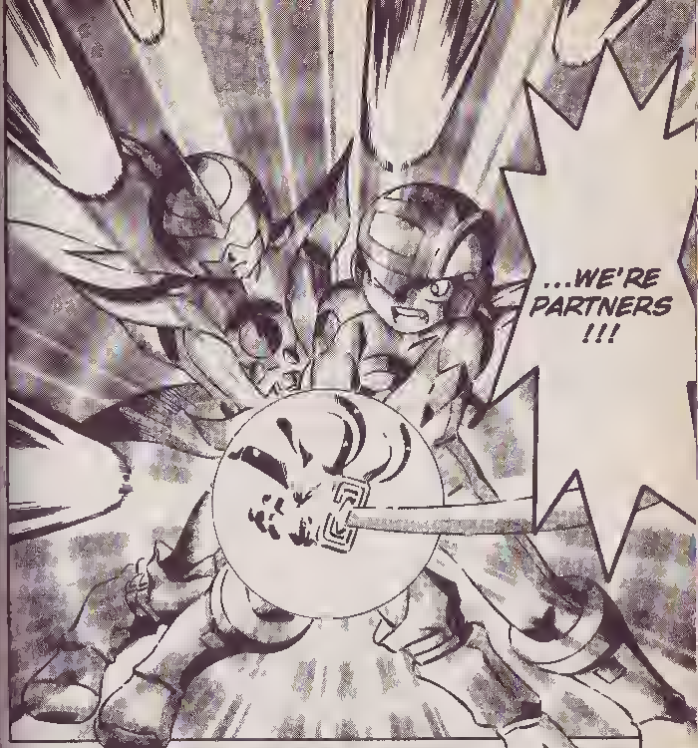
GULUH ...
THROB
THROB
THROB

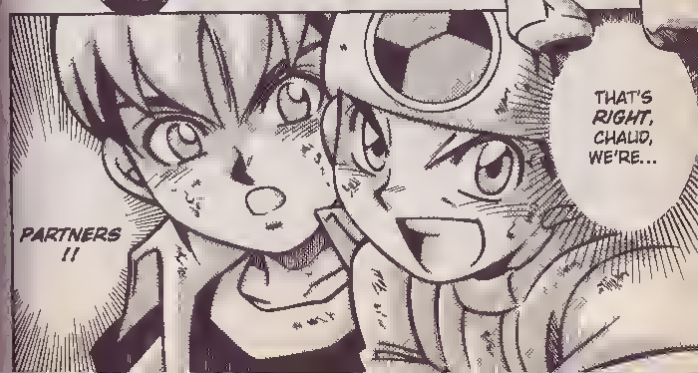
?!
SLIP


THIS FIGHT'S ...
...OURS! TOGETHER!!

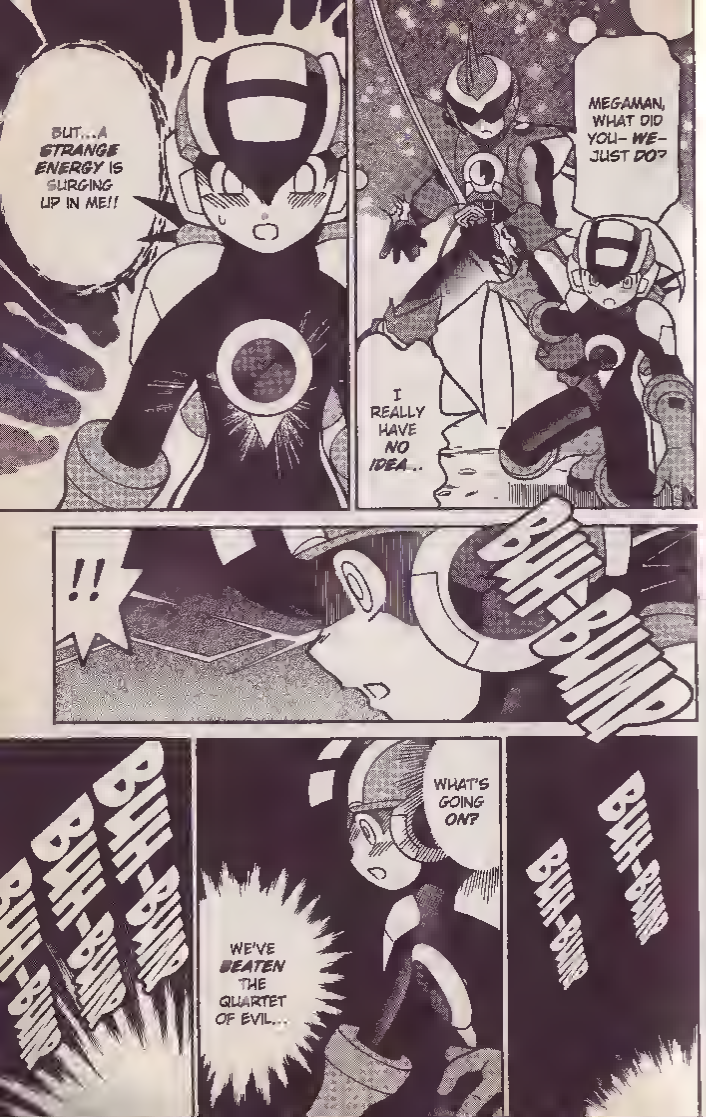
KILL THEM !!!
THEY'VE FUSED THEIR HANDS!!

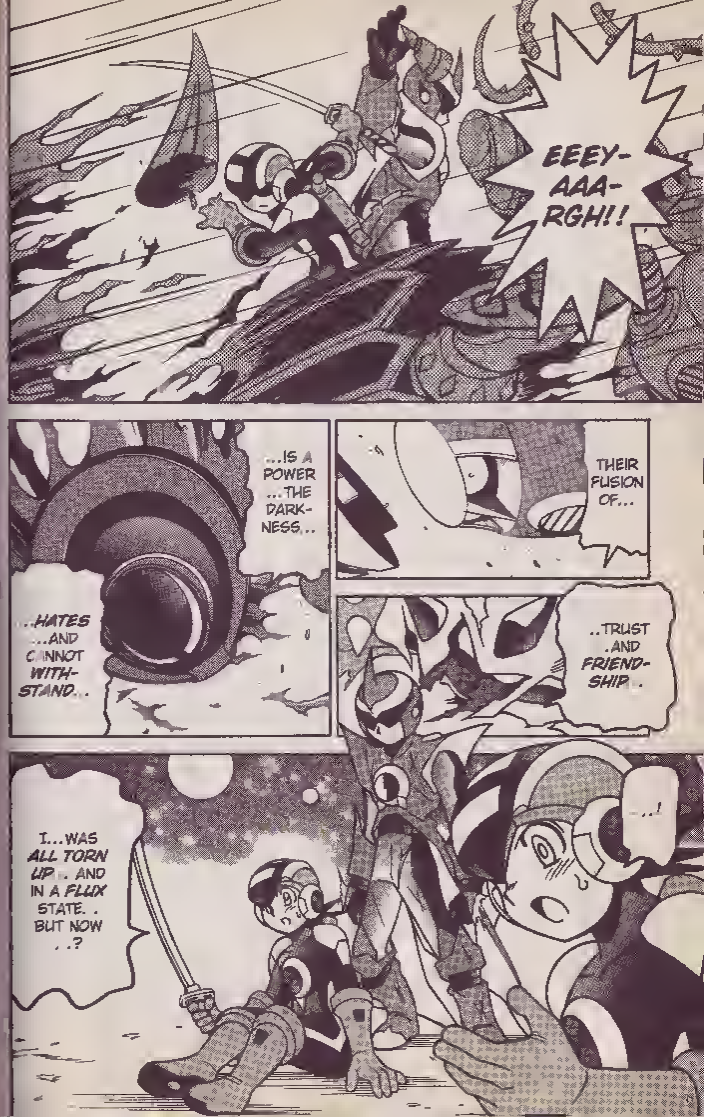

JUST TRY!!
TRY, YOU FIENDS !!

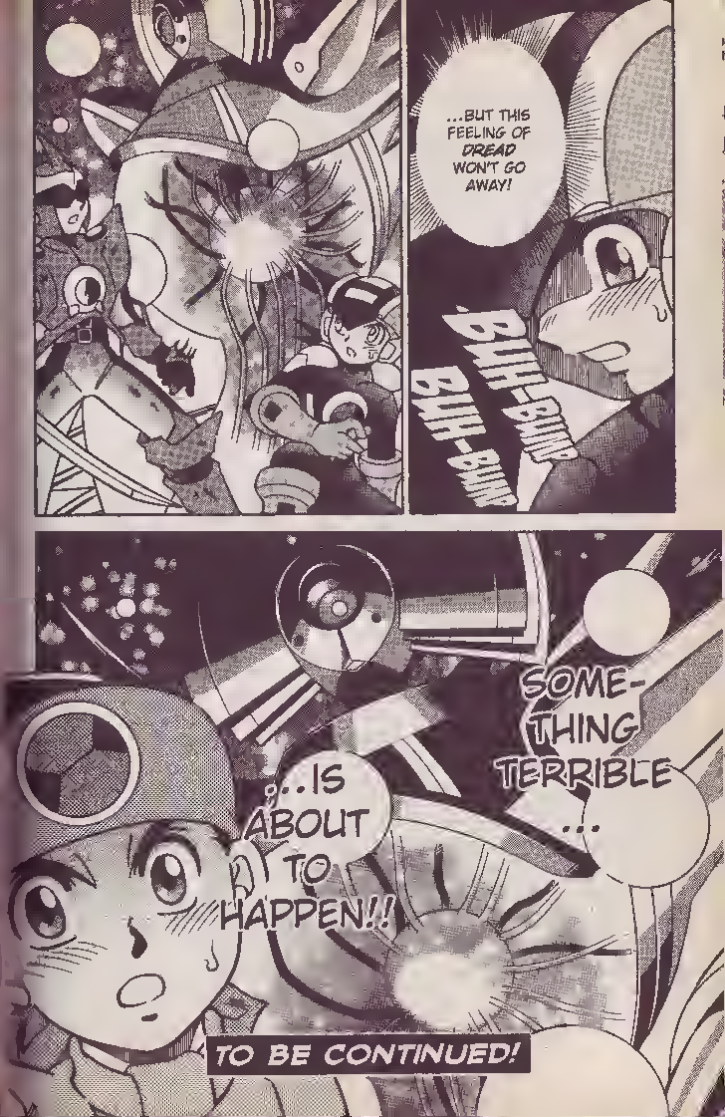

...WE'RE PARTNERS !!!


PARTNERS !!
THAT'S RIGHT, CHALID, WE'RE...

WE'RE
READY
!!!


BUT...A STRANGE ENERGY IS SURGING UP IN ME!!
MEGAMAN, WHAT DID YOU- WE- JUST DO?
I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA..
!!
BUH-BUMP
BUH-BUMP
BUH-BUMP
BUH-BUMP
BUH-BUMP
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE'VE BEATEN THE QUARTET OF EVIL...

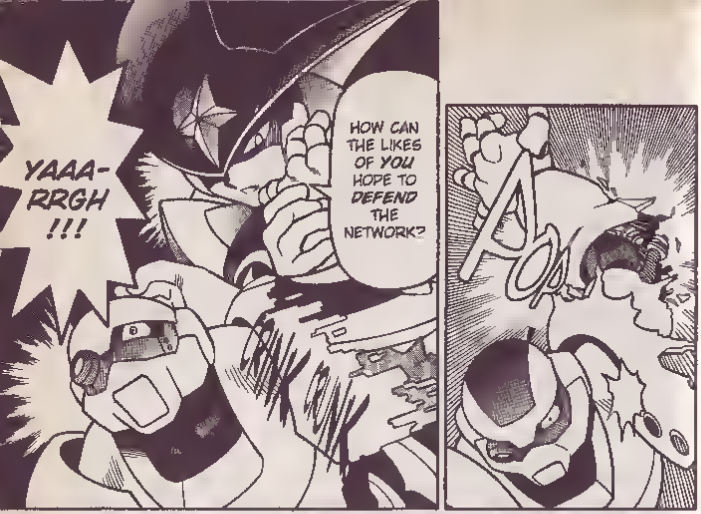

EEEY-AAA-RGH!!
...IS A POWER ...THE DARK-NESS..
...HATES ...AND CANNOT WITH-STAND...
THEIR FUSION OF...
..TRUST .AND FRIEND-SHIP..
I...WAS ALL TORN UP.. AND IN A FLUX STATE.. BUT NOW ..?
..!

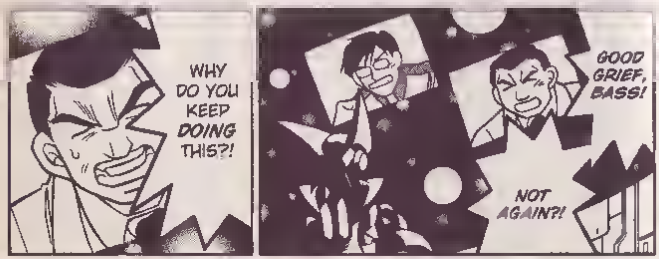

...BUT THIS FEELING OF DREAD WON'T GO AWAY!
BUH-BUMP BUH-BUMP
SOME-THING TERRIBLE ...
...IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!!
TO BE CONTINUED!

BASS. .
...YOU ARE, IN ESSENCE, THE WORLD'S FIRST NETNAVI CAPABLE OF WHOLLY INDEPENDENT FUNCTION...
...A TRUE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT WILL OPEN THE WAY TO THE IMPENDING NETWORK CULTURE!
SPECIAL EDITION
BASS -THE ULTIMATE PROOF

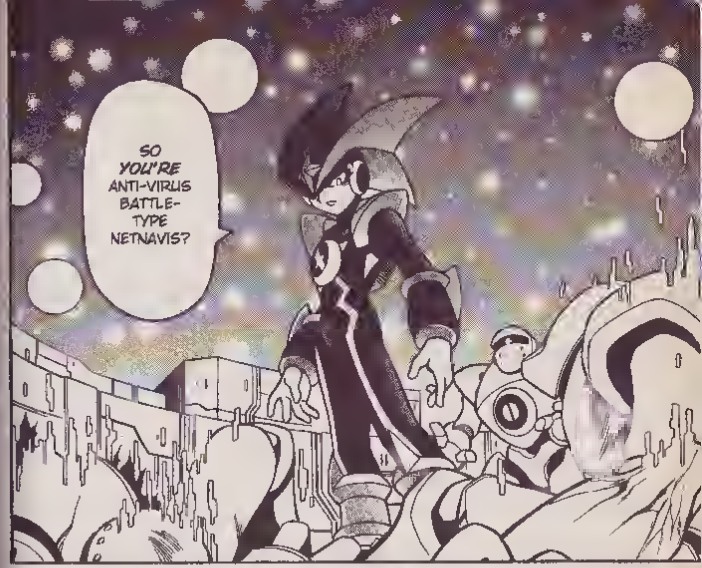
THAT NETNAVI YOU CREATED-- BASS!! SOMETHING'S WRONG!!
WHAT?!
FOOSH
WE GOTTA HURRY!!!
ACK!! THIS ISN'T THE TIME!!
TRUP TRUP TRUP TRUP TRUP
HANG IN THERE! I'LL SAVE YOU!!!
MY POOR, DEAR BASS!!
SEN
SEN

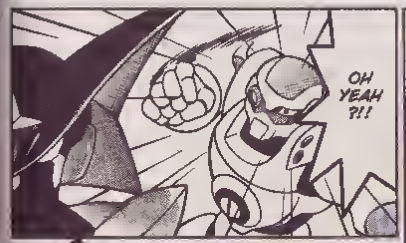
...AT THE DAWN OF WHAT WOULD BECOME THE NETWORK AGE...
SCILAB, OVER A DECADE AGO...
HM ...?
DOCTOR COSSACK!!
DOCTOR COSSACK!!
I WAS HIRED BY SCILAB LAST MONTH!
OH! YES, I'M YUICHIRO HIKARI!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
OH GOOD... I FOUND YOU!
SO YOU HAVE
AND YOU ARE ..?
WELL, MY FATHER WOULD SAY...
HEH HEH
I'LL ALWAYS BE INDEBTED TO YOUR FATHER, M'BOY!
DR. TADASHI HIKARI'S SON, EH?! WELL, WELL!!


YAAA-RRGH !!!
HOW CAN THE LIKES OF YOU HOPE TO DEFEND THE NETWORK?
Aop


WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THIS?!
GOOD GRIEF, BASS!
NOT AGAIN?!

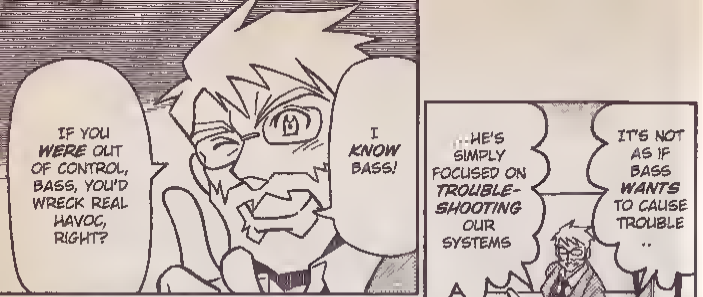
I'M ONLY DEMON-STRATING ALL THAT.
..TOO MANY HOLES, TOO MANY INCOM-PETENT NETNAVIS!
THIS WORLD HAS TOO MANY DEFECTS, SYSTEMS WITH..

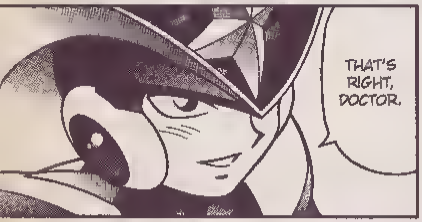

SO YOU'RE ANTI-VIRUS BATTLE-TYPE NETNAVIS?

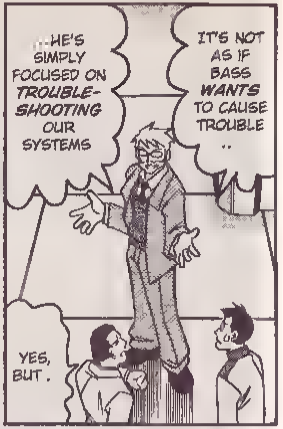

OH YEAH ?!!

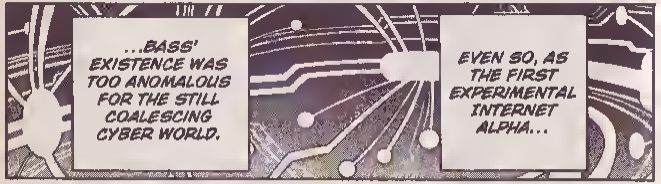
SHOO

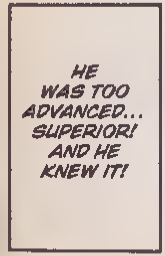
IF YOU WEREN'T SO PITIFUL, I'D LAUGH.

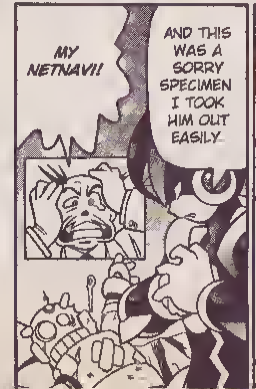

IF YOU WERE OUT OF CONTROL, BASS, YOU'D WRECK REAL HAVOC, RIGHT?
I KNOW BASS!

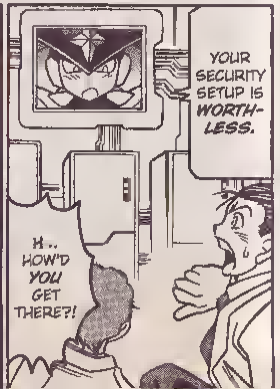

THAT'S RIGHT, DOCTOR.

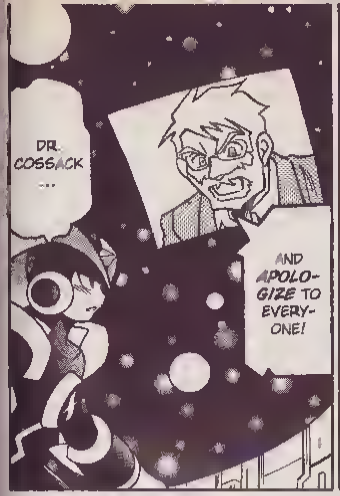

...HE'S SIMPLY FOCUSED ON TROUBLE-SHOOTING OUR SYSTEMS
IT'S NOT AS IF BASS WANTS TO CAUSE TROUBLE..
YES, BUT.


...BASS' EXISTENCE WAS TOO ANOMALOUS FOR THE STILL COALESCING CYBER WORLD.
EVEN SO, AS THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL INTERNET ALPHA...

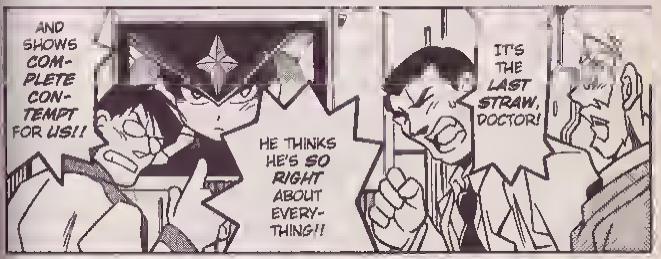

HE WAS TOO ADVANCED... SUPERIOR! AND HE KNEW IT!


MY NETNAVI!
AND THIS WAS A SORRY SPECIMEN I TOOK HIM OUT EASILY.

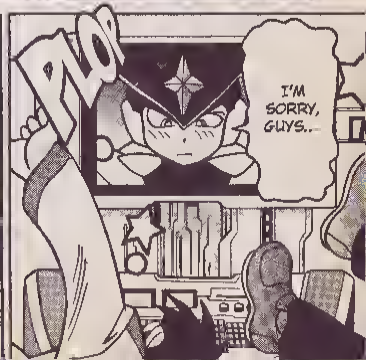

YOUR SECURITY SETUP IS WORTH-LESS.
H.. HOW'D YOU GET THERE?!

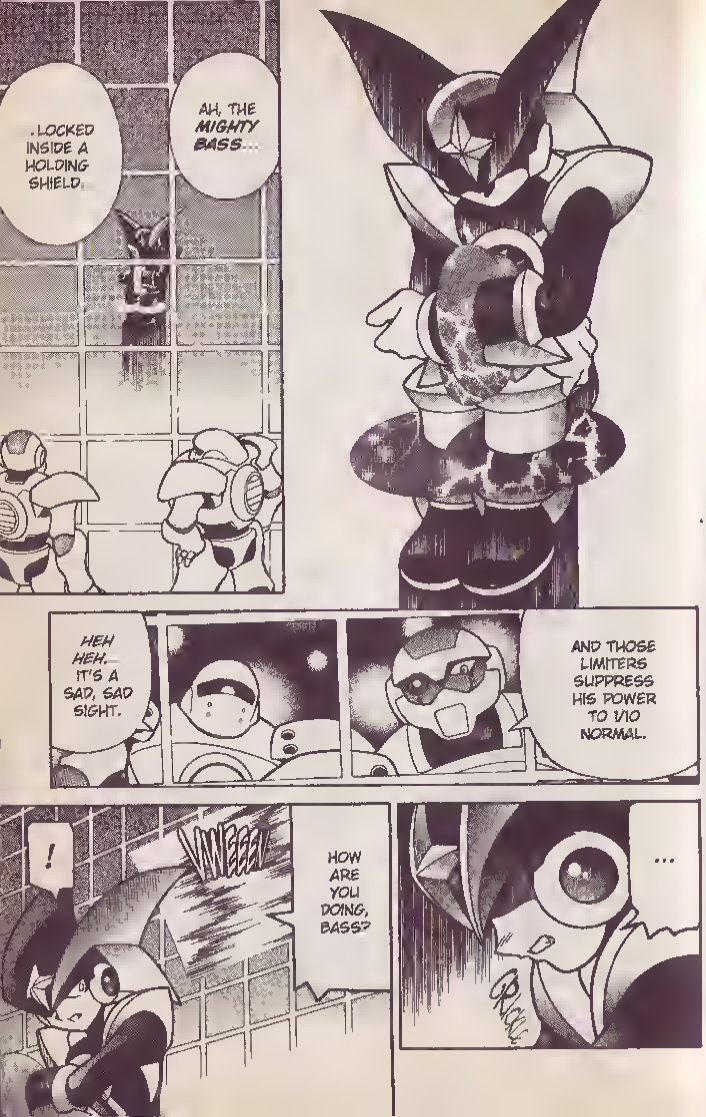

DR. COSSACK...
AND APOLO-GIZE TO EVERY-ONE!

BASS!!
YOU WILL STOP THIS! NOW!!


AND SHOWS COM-PLETE CON-TEMPT FOR US!!
HE THINKS HE'S SO RIGHT ABOUT EVERY-THING!!
IT'S THE LAST STRAW, DOCTOR!

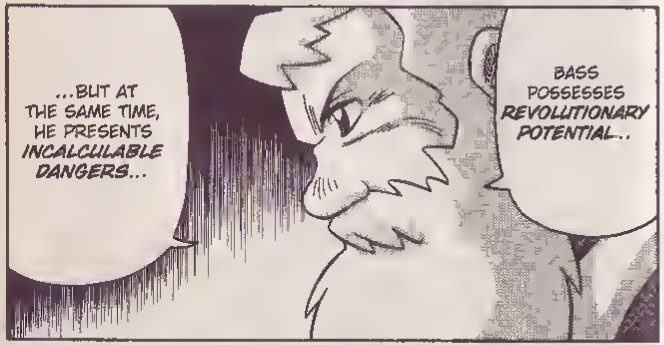
LET'S ALL FORGIVE AND FORGET!
HA HA HA
THAT'S THE RIGHT SPIRIT, BASS!

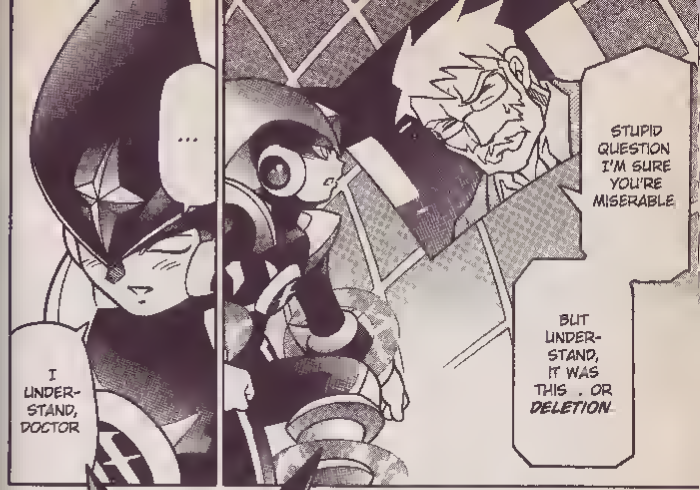

PLOP
I'M SORRY, GUYS...


...LOCKED INSIDE A HOLDING SHIELD...
AH, THE MIGHTY BASS...
HEH HEH... IT'S A SAD, SAD SIGHT.
AND THOSE LIMITERS SUPPRESS HIS POWER TO 1/10 NORMAL.
!
WHEEE!
HOW ARE YOU DOING, BASS?
...
GRAL

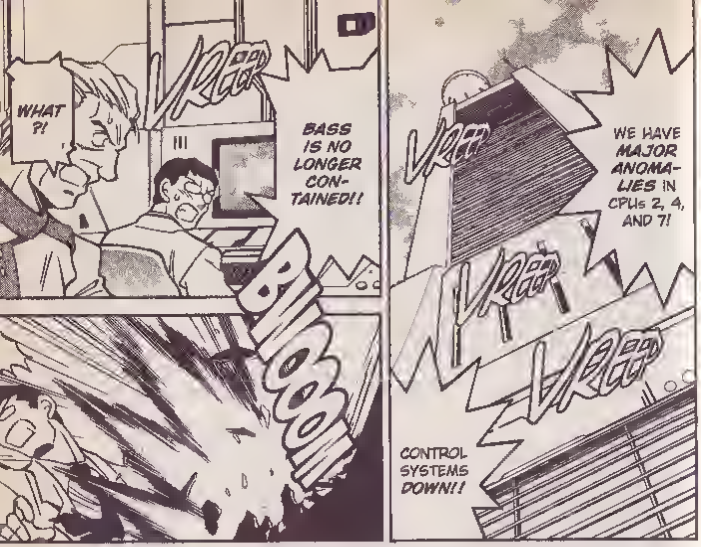
AND BROUGHT DOWN 25 MAJOR PROGRAMS!
SO FAR, BASS HAS DELETED 72 NETNAVIS!
WHAM
HOW DARE YOU?! BECAUSE OF BASS, OUR SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN PURGED OF COUNTLESS DANGEROUS DEFECTS!
BASS MUST BE DELETED!!
THAT'S THE LIMIT!
HIS USEFULNESS IS OVER!
I AGREE!
...OF A MASS OF COMPILED DATA!
INTERESTING ASSESSMENT...
THIS IS NO TIME FOR SENTIMENT!
BASS IS A LIVING BEING!!
YOU KNOW HE'S DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NETNAVIS!!
HE THINKS FOR HIMSELF! HE MAKES HIS OWN DECISIONS AND ACTS ON THEM!

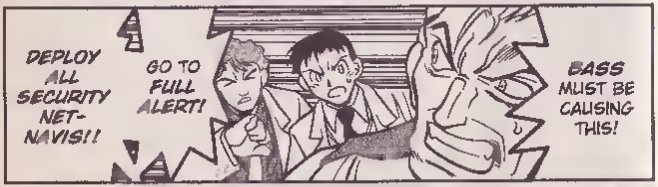
IS THIS REALLY FOR THE BEST, FATHER?
I'M AFRAID SO, SON
—FIT TO... KILL...
YOU'RE STYLIN'
.BASS
YES...

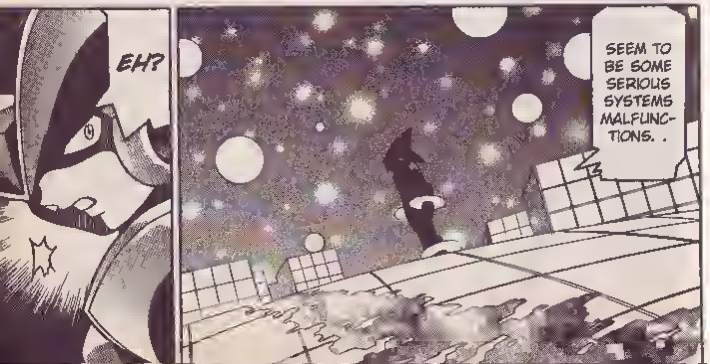

...BUT AT THE SAME TIME, HE PRESENTS INCALCULABLE DANGERS...
BASS POSSESSES REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL...

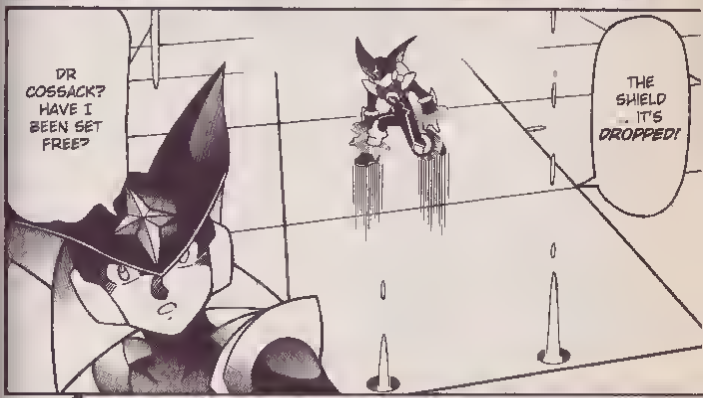

I UNDER-STAND, DOCTOR
...
BUT UNDER-STAND, IT WAS THIS . OR DELETION
STUPID QUESTION I'M SURE YOU'RE MISERABLE

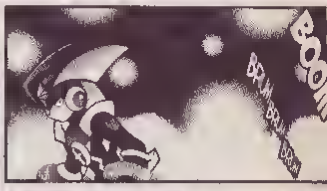
I HEAR HUMANS THINK SUCH THINGS ARE FASHION-ABLE
. SO, AM I STYLIN'?
SO DO THEY SUIT ME?
THE BRACE-LETS AND ANKLETS? DO THEY SET ME OFF?


WHAT?!
BASS IS NO LONGER CONTAINED!!
WE HAVE MAJOR ANOMALIES IN CPUs 2, 4, AND 7!
CONTROL SYSTEMS DOWN!!

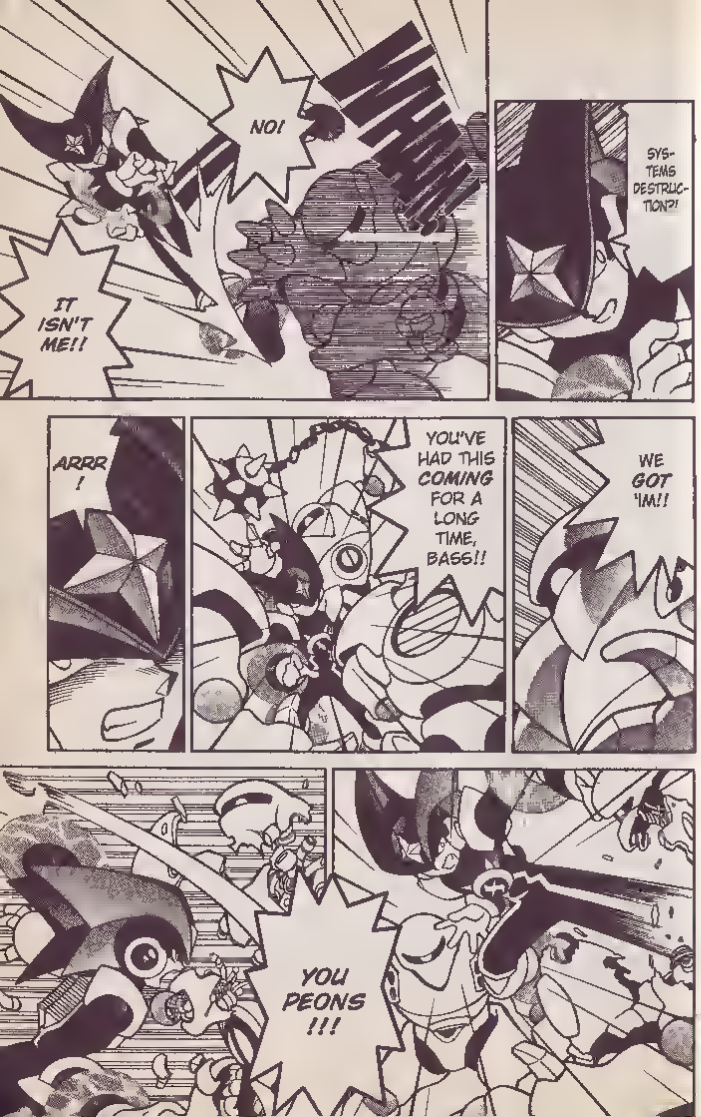

DEPLOY ALL SECURITY NET-NAVIS!!
GO TO FULL ALERT!
BASS MUST BE CAUSING THIS!

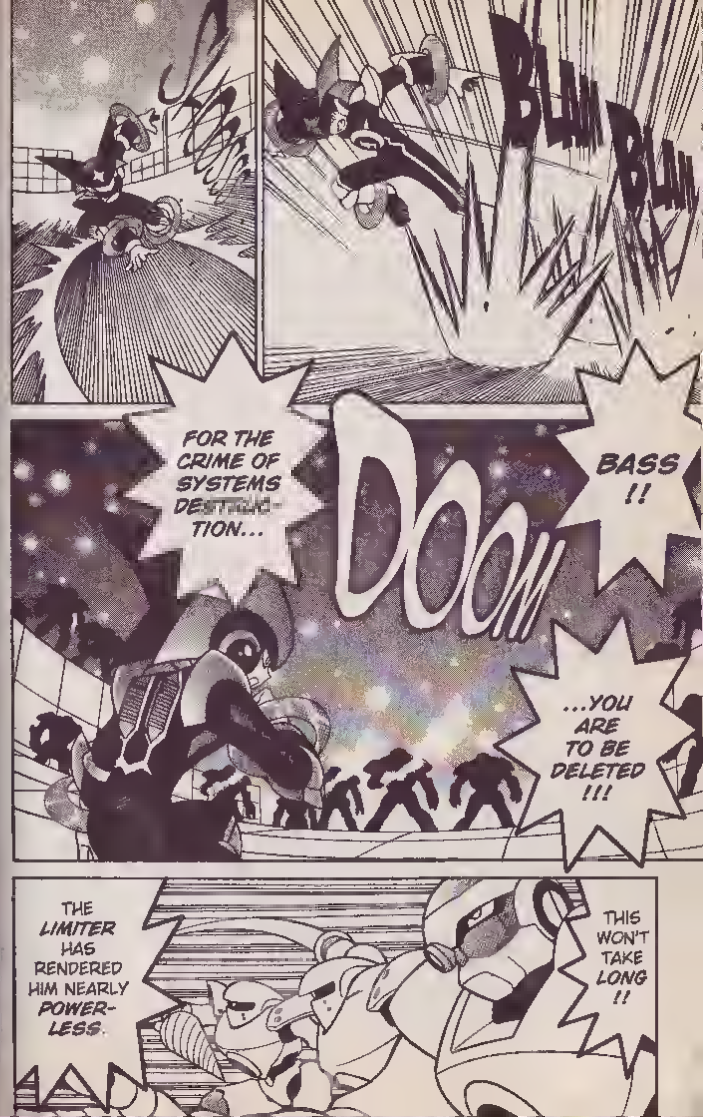

EH?
SEEM TO BE SOME SERIOUS SYSTEMS MALFUNCTIONS. .

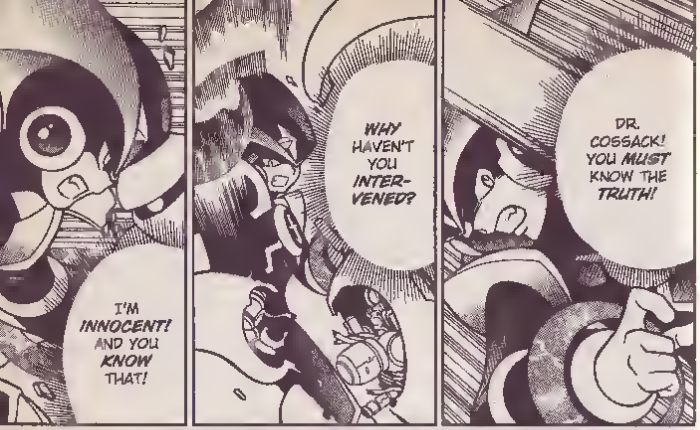

DR COSSACK? HAVE I BEEN SET FREE?
THE SHIELD . . IT'S DROPPED!

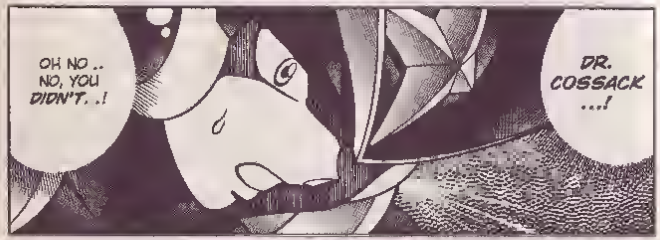


WHAT'S THAT? WHAT'S HAPPENING?!


NO!
IT ISN'T ME!!
SYS-TEMS DESTRUC-TION?!
ARRR!
YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING FOR A LONG TIME, BASS!!
WE GOT 'IM!!
YOU PEONS!!!

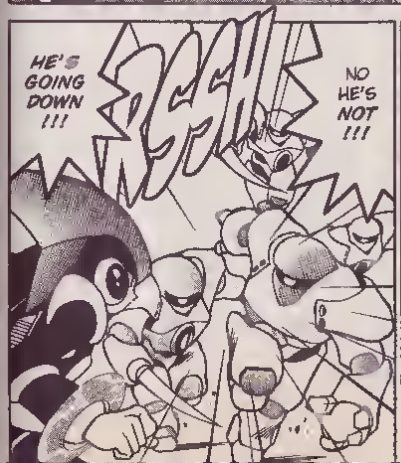

BLAM BLAM
FOR THE CRIME OF SYSTEMS DESTRUC-TION...
DOOM
BASS!!
...YOU ARE TO BE DELETED!!!
THE LIMITER HAS RENDERED HIM NEARLY POWER-LESS.
THIS WON'T TAKE LONG!!

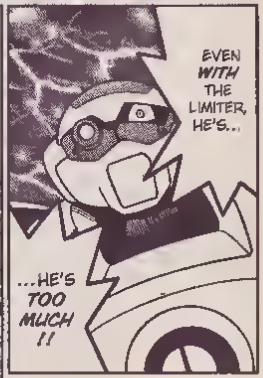

I'M INNOCENT! AND YOU KNOW THAT!
WHY HAVEN'T YOU INTER-VENED?
DR. COSSACK! YOU MUST KNOW THE TRUTH!

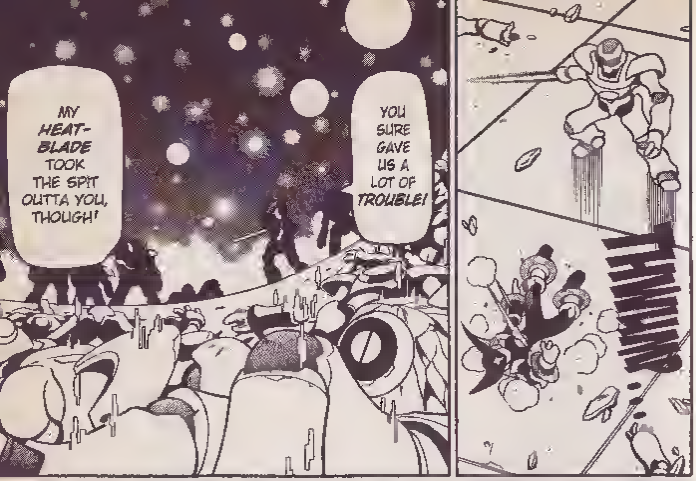

OH NO .. NO, YOU DIDN'T. .!
DR. COSSACK ...!

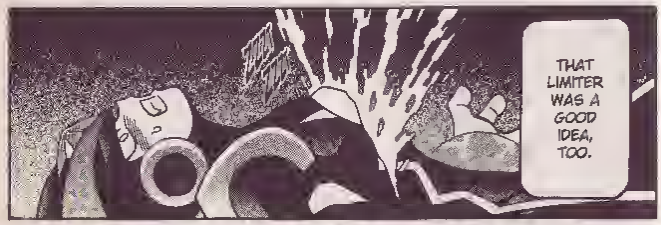
D-DOCTOR? WHERE ARE YOU...?
BASS, HE'S
DR. COSSACK ?

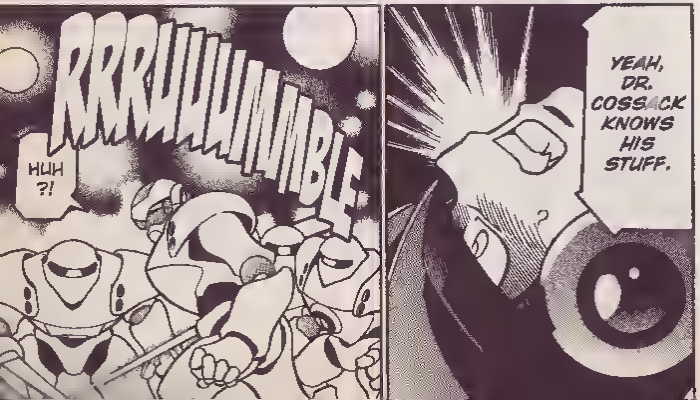
GET OFF MY CASE !!!

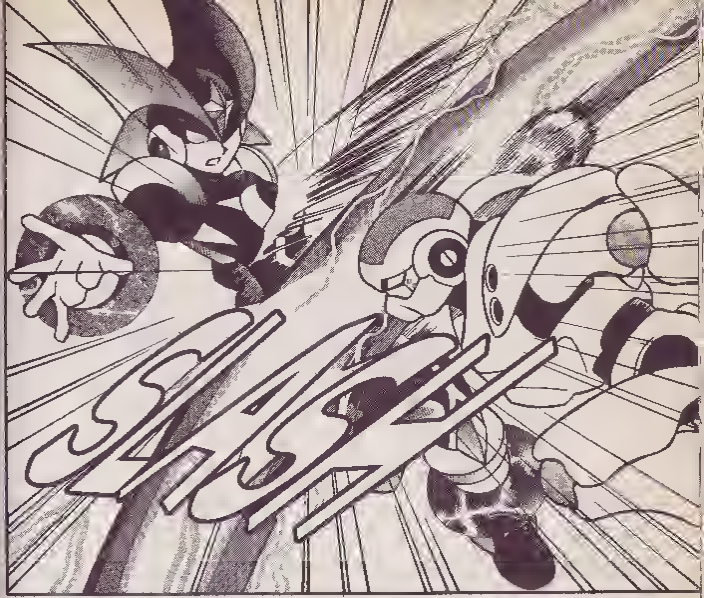

HE'S GOING DOWN !!!
NO HE'S NOT !!!

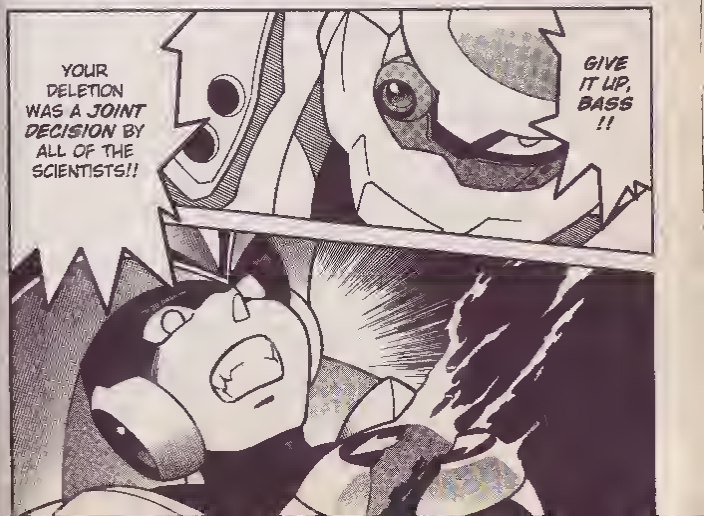

EVEN WITH THE LIMITER, HE'S...
...HE'S TOO MUCH !!

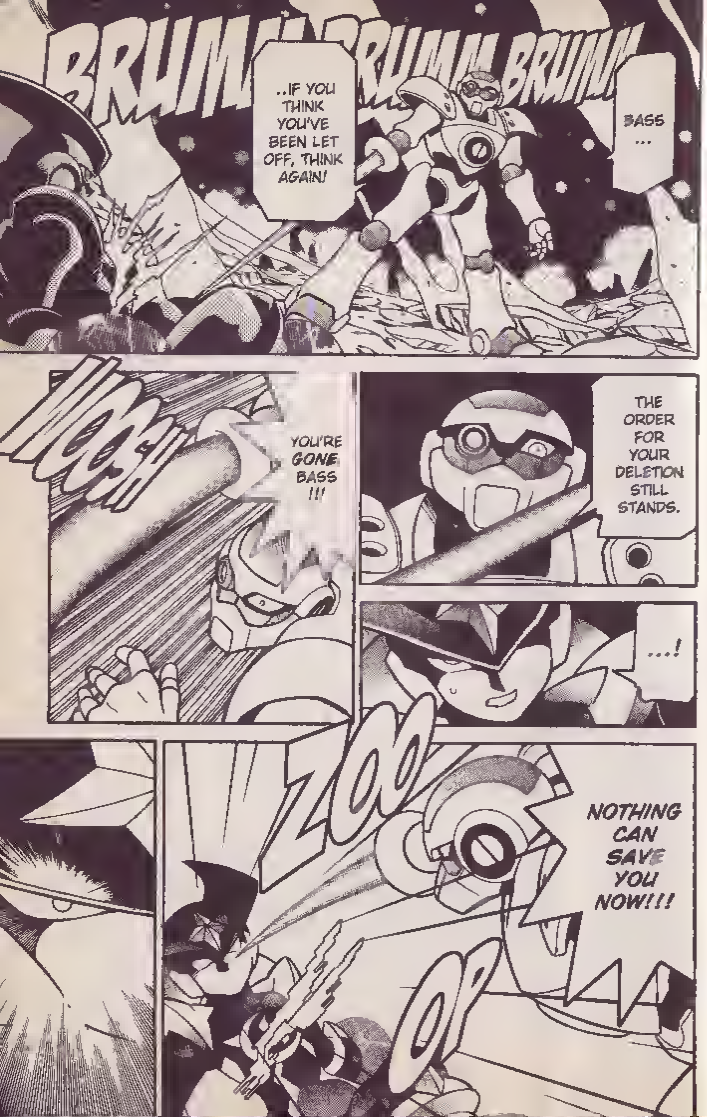

MY HEAT-BLADE TOOK THE SPIT OUTTA YOU, THOUGH!
YOU SURE GAVE US A LOT OF TROUBLE!
THUMP


THAT LIMITER WAS A GOOD IDEA, TOO.

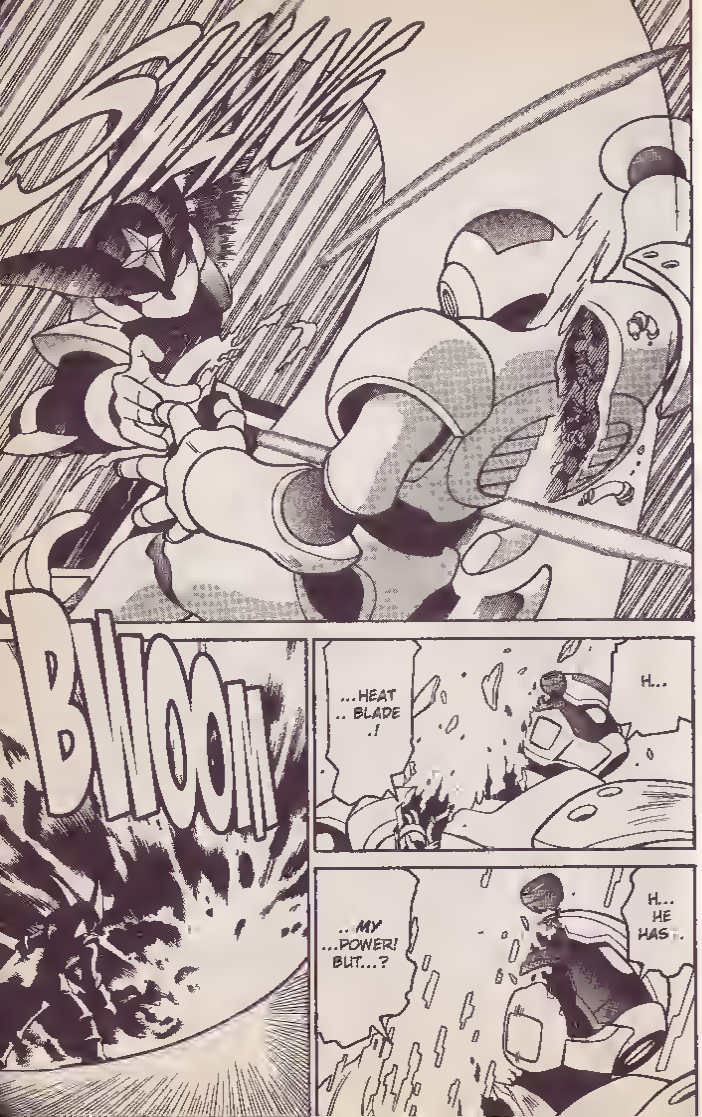

RRRUUUUMBLE
HUH ?!
YEAH, DR. COSSACK KNOWS HIS STUFF.


SLASH

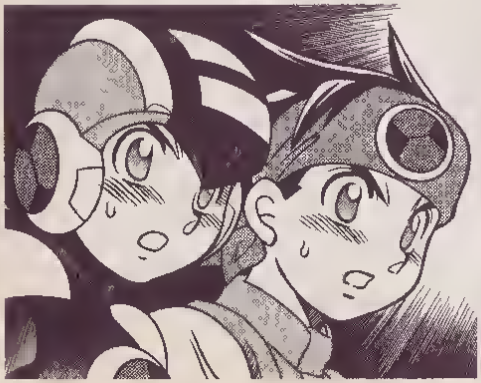

YOUR DELETION WAS A JOINT DECISION BY ALL OF THE SCIENTISTS!!
GIVE IT UP, BASS !!

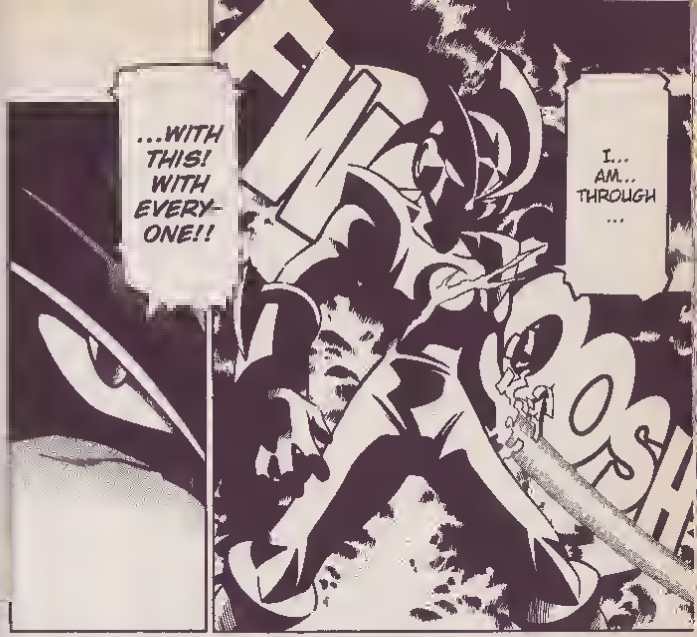

BRUM!!
..IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN LET OFF, THINK AGAIN!
BASS ...
YOU'RE GONE BASS !!!
THE ORDER FOR YOUR DELETION STILL STANDS.
...!
NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU NOW!!!

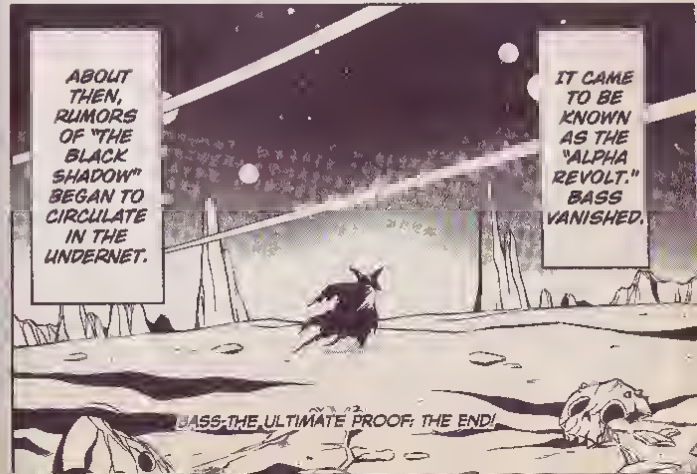
KA-WHOOM!!
YAAA-RGH !!!
SO IT'S NOT BASS' DOING?!
BLAM
THE SOURCE IS NOW BELIEVED TO BE THE ALPHA SYSTEM ITSELF!!
ALERT! DESTRUCTION CONTINUING IN THE ALPHA AREA!
WHA ...?!
ZEEN
ZEEN
WE COPY!
ZEEN
ATTENTION ALL UNITS- JACK OUT!


SLASH
BLOOM
...HEAT .. BLADE .!
H...
.. MY ...POWER! BUT...?
H... HE HAS+.

FLASH
KRUMM
...RE-WRITING HIS PROGRAM!!
!
HOW? WHAT'S CHANGED THEIR FUNCTION?! WHO?!
THE LIMITERS. THEY'RE . THEY'RE. .




...WITH THIS! WITH EVERY-ONE!!
I... AM... THROUGH ...
OSH


ABOUT THEN, RUMORS OF "THE BLACK SHADOW" BEGAN TO CIRCULATE IN THE UNDERNET.
IT CAME TO BE KNOWN AS THE "ALPHA REVOLT." BASS VANISHED.
BASS-THE ULTIMATE PROOF: THE END!